

Weekly Focus Letter - week beginning 12th January 2026

We hope that you find the focus for the week in English, Maths and Learning Journey useful, and hope that it will enable you to support your child's learning at home.

Year	English	Maths	Learning Journey
1	In Curious Quest we will be using our focus Text 'Lifesize Dinosaurs' to learn about writing a question. The Forever Friends have reached Lava Lake and in order to cross onto the next adventure the children will need to demonstrate that they can write questions using what they have learnt during Curious Quest.	In Maths, we will be continuing to work on 2d and 3d shapes, and describing their properties. We will be making repeated patterns with the shapes, as well as using them to construct buildings in pairs.	For DT, we will be investigating pictures with moving parts for our new DT project. This term for Science our topic is 'Animals Including Humans'. The children will be learning to name and identify carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.
2	In Curious Quest, we will be introducing the text 'Mrs. Armitage on Wheels' by Quentin Blake. We will be using expanded noun phrases to describe Mrs. Armitage and her dog. We will then invent our own scientist or inventor and also draw and describe a new vehicle.	In Maths, we will continue to investigate the properties of 3D shapes. We will look at the number of vertices of 3D shapes as well as comparing the properties looking at faces, edges and vertices.	In Science, we will continue to investigate the properties of materials with a focus of finding a material that is the best for a new saddle for Mrs. Armitage.
3&4	In English, we are learning to write with the purpose to inform. We have started exploring instructions and identifying what a 'good one looks like'. In Guided Reading, we have started our new class text for this term, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl.	In Year 3 and 4 we will be examining the effect of multiplying a number by 0 and 1 and dividing a number by itself and 1. We will also find factor pairs and investigate the effect multiplying a number by 10 and 100.	In Design Technology, we shall be designing and making our packaging for our very own chocolate bar. We shall be exploring nets – what they are, how they work and what they need. In Science, we will be identifying and classifying solids, liquids and gases.
5	In English, we are going to be writing a character description of the main character from 'Leon and the place between.' The children will be learning how to use parenthesis, adverbials ending with ing and collecting appropriate adjectives to use in our character description.	In Maths, we will be solving problems using multiplication and division. Then we will move on to solving multiplication problems involving fractions.	In Science, we are beginning our topic on Circuits. The children will become familiar with the symbols that are used to draw a circuit. We will learn the symbols for cell, wire, bulb, switch, buzzer and motor.
6	We have started our new class text this term, 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell in Guided Reading. In writing, we will be working on creating our own creatures, this links to our science learning. We will be writing non-chronological reports on our creatures.	In Maths, we will start a new unit this week on decimals. We will focus first on the place value of decimal numbers and then we will explore multiply and dividing decimal numbers by powers of 10.	For our topic on Evolution and Inheritance, we will start to explore the work of Charles Darwin.