

Weekly Focus Letter - week beginning 23rd March 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 Phonics, we will be revising the sounds we have been recapping over the last term to assess which ones we need to continue to read and recognise in 'real' and 'alien' words. In Curious Quest, we are moving on to creating an engaging and exciting end to a story. We will be using the text 'Rabunzel' to support our writing.	In Maths this week, the children will be counting in 5's and exploring patterns on a 100 square. The children will also be looking at teen numbers. They will be reading teen number names (words) and using straws to represent teen numbers. They will be creating a bundle of ten and then adding loose straws to represent the ones, for example, the number fourteen would be one bundle of ten and then four separate straws.	For our Art lesson this week, we will be putting all our learning together and creating a self-portrait with dots. For Science, we will continue to explore our senses remembering what part of the body they are linked to.
2	In Curious Quest we will be investigating a spelling rule. We will be adding the suffixes 'er' and 'est' to words and writing sentences.	In Maths, we will be looking at mass, capacity and temperature. We will complete a range of practical hands on activities as well as reading scales in divisions of 2,5 and 10.	In Art, we will be finishing our cat pictures in the style of Laurel Burch. We will add patterns and colours to the backgrounds so that they are ready to be displayed outside our classrooms.
3&4	In English and Guided Reading, we will continue to explore the poem 'From a Railway Carriage' with a focus on writing and performing our own poems with rhyming couplets.	In Maths, we will solve problems involving measures, perimeter and area to consolidate our learning on measuring length.	This week in Art, we will be planning our oil pastel landscape and then putting into practice the skills we have researched to complete our final piece.
5	In English, we will continue with our suspense narratives. We will look at selecting vocabulary that effects the reader, such as precise verbs. We will also look at the show not tell writing technique.	In Maths, we will be revising short division, short and long multiplication and fractions. We will continue to improve our mental arithmetic skills through our fast maths lessons.	In Art, we will work in small groups to create a poster advertising the circus. Each child will choose one image to reproduce from last week and then fill this image outline with dots of colour, using the technique of Pointillism.
6	In Guided Reading, we will be finishing our class text, 'The Explorer'. In English, we will be concluding our mini writing unit on poetry.	In Maths, we will be continuing our unit on Algebra focussing on substitution and formulae. We will also be focusing on improving our mental arithmetic and reasoning skills.	In PE, we will be completing our cricket coaching unit. This week we will be undertaking our mock assessments.