

Weekly Focus Letter - week beginning 8th June 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	It's Phonics Check time! Therefore, in Curious Quest we will be using the text 'There are Aliens in Year 1' through this text, we will be checking that all our writing makes sense when we re-read it. In Phonics, we will be revisiting all the digraphs we have focused on and will be using these to read real and alien words.	In Maths this week, the children will be finding $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a shape by splitting it equally. They will also be doing this with a quantity of objects and sharing them equally into 2 parts and 4 parts. We will be focussing on careful counting for accuracy.	In DT, we will begin our journey all about creating a healthy snack plate. We will be looking at our favourite fruit and vegetables. In Geography, we are learning to discuss, draw and name geographical features in our local area. The children will be sharing their knowledge of East Grinstead and surrounding areas.
2	In Curious Quest, we will be focussing on recounts. We will find out about the features of a recount and the start to sequence events based on our trip to Ovingdean Beach.	In Maths, we are returning back to time. We will again practise reading the clock to the nearest 15 minutes with a focus on O'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to the hour. We will also spend some time looking at how many minutes in an hour and how many hours in a day.	The highlight of the week will be our trip to Ovingdean Beach on Wednesday for a day of 'Beach School.' The children will explore the geographical features of the coast, work in teams to create art works using found items on the beach, take part in rock pooling and animal identification as well as learn more about coastal habitats. Please look at the weather forecast for the day and provide clothing appropriate for the weather.
3&4	In English, we shall be continuing to explore myths which we shall be comparing for similarities and differences. We shall focus on writing questions through the use of direct speech.	In Maths, we will learn about hundredths as decimals and represent them using place value counters and on a number line. We will also learn that one half is equal to 0.5, one quarter is equal to 0.25 and three quarters is equal to 0.75.	In DT, we will begin our journey into the world of the Ancient Greeks by creating and planning a Mediterranean salad based on the traditional ancient Greek diet. In History, we will be investigating the Greek city-states and exploring the differences between the Athenians and the Spartans.
5	In English, we will publish our David Attenborough biographies. Towards the end of the week, we will begin our new unit on dialogues which will be based on our class text 'The Boy at the Back of the Classroom'.	In Maths, we are comparing negative numbers. Then we will move onto working with measurement; kilograms and kilometres, millilitres, covert units of length converting metric and imperial units.	In RE, we are learning to understand why Christians are committed to following the Ten Commandments set out by God.
6	In Guided Reading, we are continuing to read our class text, 'The Final Year'. In English, we will be finishing our unit on setting descriptions by generating images using AI from descriptions.	In Maths, we are continuing our unit on angles. We will be calculating angles in triangles.	In Science, we are studying how the circulatory system works, which will link to our next writing unit. We will be real scientists this week dissecting a lamb's heart to understand how the heart works.