



Year 1 Knowledge Organiser

ENGLISH (Autumn term)



Reading and writing aren't just part of English lessons. They are embedded across the curriculum. The children are encouraged to use their phonics skills to segment to spell and write, and to blend sounds to read, in all their subjects.

PHONICS AND READING

Children will develop their phonics knowledge using Read Write Inc., aligned with their skills and development. They are taught in small, differentiated groups to match their level and pace.

Read Write Inc.
Phonics

Half-termly assessments inform progression, making sure children are always in the correct teaching group for their level. We hear the children read three times a week, one Read Write Inc. book linked to their current phonics level and two books at their current book band level.

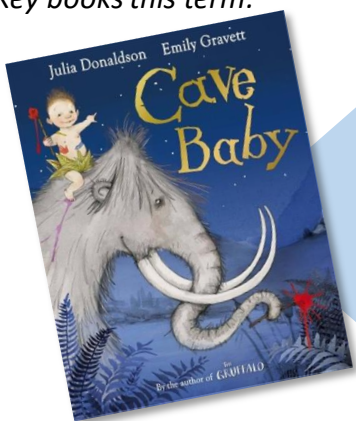
HANDWRITING

At the beginning of Year 1 the children will start to learn how to form individual letters cursively, using a lead-in and lead-out line.

Cursive letter formation is taught in a particular order, beginning with the letters i, j, l, t, u, y in the Autumn term.

a b c d e f g h i j k

Key books this term:



Cave Baby, by Julia Donaldson

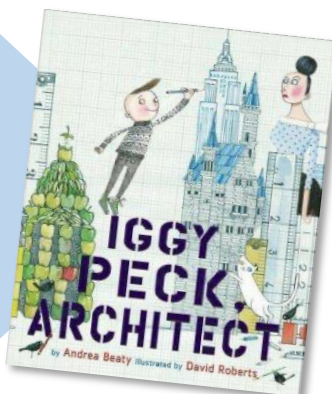


Set in the Stone Age, this story follows a mischievous baby on an outdoor adventure, meeting animals, some extinct. Linked to our 'The Stone Age' history topic, children will use **Cave Baby** to develop reading, exploring, and re-telling skills. Key writing skills for the first half-term include combining words into sentences, using finger spaces, and introducing capital letters, punctuation, and joining words with 'and'.

Iggy Peck Architect, by Andrea Beaty



Through this story, children will get to know Iggy and be inspired by his passion for architecture. This book sparks interest in design, technology, and teaches problem-solving and perseverance. Linked to our history topic 'Castles,' the children will use it in English to develop key skills. They will focus on composing sentences orally, sequencing them into short narratives, and using conjunctions like 'and,' 'or,' and 'but' to join clauses. Additionally, they will practice using capital letters for names and the personal pronoun.



How can you learn at home?

- Read your child's reading book as often as possible, ideally daily.
- Talk about what they have read and ask questions about the text.
- Make predictions about the different texts that you read to them too.
- Practise name writing and cursive letter formation in different ways.
- Encourage lots of writing opportunities, such as Birthday and Christmas cards.

<https://teachhandwriting.co.uk/continuous-cursive-beginners-choice-3.html>

