

Learning for this term:	
English	We will be focusing on spelling Year 1 Common Exception Words, using the conjunction 'and' and adding suffixes to the end of words. We will also be learning new sounds during phonics each day.
Maths	We will be developing our knowledge of place value, addition and subtraction by working with numbers up to 20.
Science	We will be learning about reptiles, fish, amphibians, birds and mammals. We will identify and compare different diets.
Geography	We will be learning to identify human and physical features by looking at the school grounds, maps and aerial photographs.
History	We will be learning about the life of Neil Armstrong and the team behind the moon landing. We will also be looking into Mae Jemison, the first African-American woman in space.
Religion and Worldviews	We will be learning about Sikhism and identifying similarities and differences between Sikhism and Christianity. We will also be looking at new life and its links to Easter.
Computing	We will be using 'Purple Mash' to create animated stories and learn about algorithms.
Music	We will be exploring pitch with a focus on so, mi and la songs and responding and discussing how different sounds make us feel in response to 'The Planets' by Gustav Holst.
PE	We will be continuing to develop our movement gymnastics skills, focusing on flight and rotation. In dance, we will be learning and developing shapes and circles in movement sequences.
RHE/PSHE	We will be learning about how to keep people safe and learning about rights and responsibilities.
Art/DT	We will be exploring abstract art and studying Piet Mondrian. In D&T we will be designing shelters for the Three Little Pigs.

We will be reading:



We are planning the following activities:

On **Thursday 8th January**, to celebrate the start of this topic, we would like our Year 1 superstars to come into school in space/ alien costumes or wear an accessory.

You can help at home by:

- Making a rocket out of recycled materials and sharing a photo of it on Seesaw.
- Going outside and look at the moon and stars in the sky - can you spot the craters?
- Can children spot any constellations and notice the phases of the moon?
- Watch a rocket launch on YouTube: [Artemis-1 Launch Cinematic 4K \(with Music\) - YouTube](#)
- Visiting a museum about space.

Important reminders:

Please ensure diaries are in school every day, as this is the preferred method for communication. Diaries should be checked regularly by parents/carers.





Our Reading River Books



These books have been carefully chosen to be read by children in Year 1
Can you read them by the end of the year?

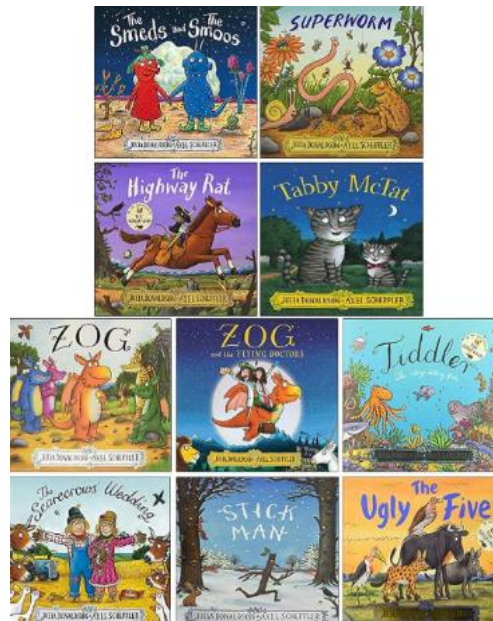


Catch A Classic

Welcome to "Catch A Classic," an initiative designed to ignite a passion for timeless stories and celebrated authors.

Each year group is assigned a specific classic author, allowing students to explore stories that have shaped literature and inspired generations.

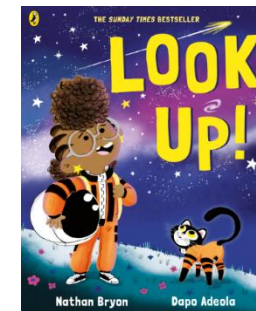
Year 1's author is...Julia Donaldson



Books we recommend

To support our work this topic, we would highly recommend the following books, which can be borrowed from school or the public libraries if you don't have them at home:

Look up!



Look Up! is an entertaining and vibrant story book about a space-loving girl called Rocket. Rocket is excited about the chance to view an upcoming meteor shower, and she wants everyone she meets to be ready to look up and see it. Frustratingly, her much older brother would rather look down at his phone.

The Galaxy of Her Own!



From small steps to giant leaps, 'A Galaxy of Her Own' tells fifty stories of inspirational women who have been fundamental to the story of humans in space, from scientists to astronauts to some surprising roles in between.



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Year 1 Spring Term – Moon Zoom!

