

Riverside Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter for Families:

September 2026

Year 1

This half term our theme is 'Welcome to Year One!'



Welcome Year 1 to the Autumn Term and to our half-termly curriculum update newsletter! We would like to take this opportunity to tell you all about the exciting half-term ahead. This newsletter is where you can find out all about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks, along with ideas and suggestions for some activities you could try to support their learning at home.

What are we learning during this theme?

Your child will start our theme by sharing all about themselves and getting to know each other. We will be sharing a variety of texts to help explore our feelings and how to manage our emotions effectively. This half term we will also be looking at Henri Matisse as inspiration when creating collages.

Trips, Visitors and Experiences

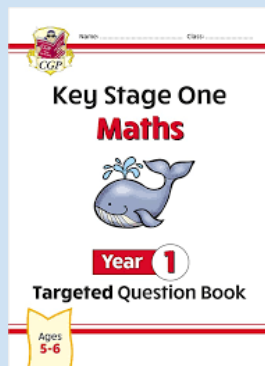
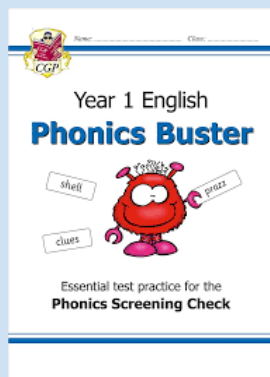
This half term we will be taking part in Harvest Festival celebrations, including a whole school assembly.

As part of our No Outsiders programme, Year 1 will be looking at how we celebrate that everyone is different and everyone is special by exploring the book 'Elmer' by David McKee. During the last week of the half term we will be celebrating Black History Week, learning about Mary Seacole and her achievements.

How can you support your child at home?

Please share your child's reading book regularly. We ask for children to read 5 times a week to earn team points as a reward in school. We encourage children to re-read their books to support fluency and a love of reading. We will change books once a week when reading with an adult. The days may vary, so please ensure your child has their book and reading record with them every day.

Please complete your CGP phonics and maths homework books. This will alternate between phonics and maths and each week we will send out a message on Google Classroom to let you know which pages to complete.



In addition to this, please find some suggestions below on how to support your child's learning.

Days out and things to do:

Visit our local library and borrow some new books.



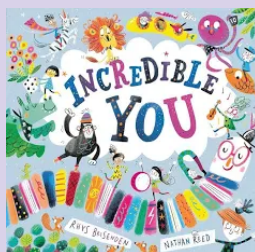
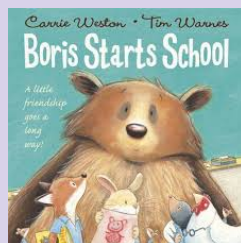
Practise previously learned phonics using phonics play:

[Phonics Play](#)



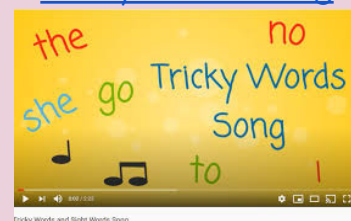
Books to read:

Share one of the stories linked to our theme:

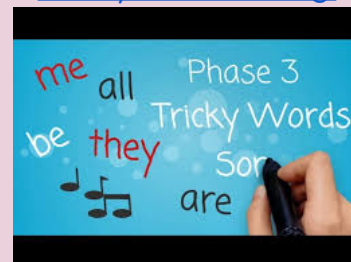


Things to watch:

[Tricky words song](#)



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[Alphablocks](#)



[Number Blocks](#)



[Rose learns about school transition - animated](#)

transition story for EYFS and
KS1

