Riverside Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter for Families: Autumn 2 2026

Year 1

This half term our theme is:

My School

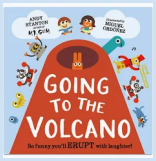


Welcome to the second half of the Autumn Term and to our half-termly curriculum update newsletter! We would like to take this opportunity to tell you all about the exciting half-term ahead. This newsletter is where you can find out all about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks, along 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 completing a history enquiry: ***What was our school like in the past?*** They will learn what our school was like long ago, making comparisons between now and then and learning about events within living memory and beyond living memory. In geography, we will be looking at where we live in the world and locating our school. We will also be exploring our school grounds, observing the changing seasons as we move from autumn to winter.

This half term we will be sharing 'Going to the Volcano' by Andy Stanton as part of our 'No Outsiders' curriculum.

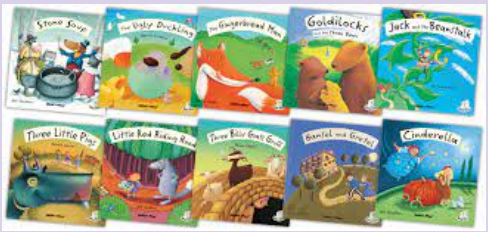


Trips, Visitors and Experiences

This half term we are very excited to be taking part in Christmas traditions and celebrations. We will be preparing our Christmas production which we are looking forward to sharing with you. We will also be planning a walk of the local area as part of our history and geography sessions.

How can you support your child at home?

Please complete your CGP phonics and maths homework books. Please complete pages set on google classroom each week.
Share your child's reading book - we encourage 5 reads per week at home to earn team points in school.
This half term year one will also begin bringing spellings home to learn. They will have a 'spelling quiz' every Monday in class and then will bring home new spellings.
In addition to this, please find some suggestions below on how to support your child's learning.

Days out and things to do:	Books to read:	Things to watch:
Visit our local library and borrow some new books.  Practise previously learned phonics using phonics play: Phonics Play  Seasons spotter: JoJo & Gran Gran - Seasons Spotter - CBeebies - BBC Take an autumn walk along the River or around the village - what signs of Autumn can you see?  Collect different colour leaves and create a picture. Use your imagination, this can be whatever you want it to be!	Share a range of traditional tales and Christmas stories.  	Alphablocks  https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/search?q=number+blocks  Cbeebies exploring seasons: Exploring the seasons with children - CBeebies - BBC 



Leaf rubbings.

