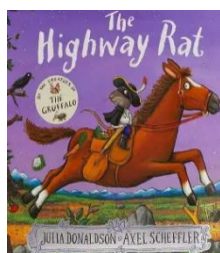


# Year Group Information Sheet for Parents – Key Stage 1

## Autumn 1



In KS1, our reading canon book this half-term is *The Highway Rat* by Julia Donaldson. This text will be used to develop our English skills whilst also inspiring our topic-driven curriculum lessons.

Find out more below!

In **English**, we will be learning to write character descriptions based on *The Highway Rat*. Pupils will also write a narrative to retell the main parts of the story.  
As always, we will ensure our writing is well presented – we will practice our handwriting daily and use the correct punctuation.

In **Mathematics** this half-term:  
Year 1 will be looking at the topics 'Place Value' and 'Addition and Subtraction', particularly focussing on numbers to 20.  
Year 2 will also be looking at the same topics: 'Place Value' and 'Addition and Subtraction', focused on numbers within 100.

### In our Topic-driven afternoons we will be:

#### History

In history, pupils will be learning about why the Magna Carta was important for English people's rights and pupils will be able to talk about the rights they have today.

#### Geography

In Geography, we will be exploring the seasonal changes and weather patterns in the UK and how hotter and colder climates around the world impact weather types.

#### Science

In Science, we will be learning about humans e.g. body parts, the senses and the human lifecycle.

#### Art & Design

In art, we will be exploring how to use observational skills to create self-portraits. In DT, we will be designing a picture with a sliding mechanism.

#### PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning to identify positive and negative emotions and how they influence our own and others' behaviour.

#### RE & Music

In RE, we will be learning about the importance of the Bible and the cross to Christians. In Music, we will be learning to use voices expressively by singing songs and speaking rhymes and chants.

#### Homework:

Your child is expected to read a minimum of four times a week, please evidence in their reading record. Books should be returned to school on Monday and Friday to be changed. Spellings homework will go home every week and pupils need to practice these regularly throughout the week. Pupils will be tested on their spellings weekly.

Our PE lessons this half-term will focus on Invasion Games and Net and Wall Games.

Year 1 - **P.E.** is on: **Wednesday and Thursday**

Year 2 - **P.E.** is on: **Monday and Friday**.

Please ensure your child has their PE uniform with them in a bag on these days.

**Key Stage 1 Teachers:** Mrs Humphreys, Mrs Thorpe, Mrs Wright  
**Other adults:** Mrs Lansdell, Miss Mortimer, Mrs Clarke