



'Amazing Me – Who am I?'

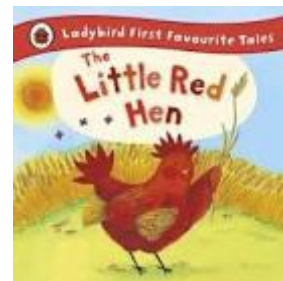
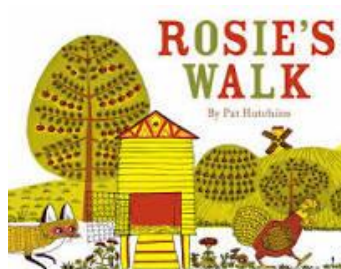
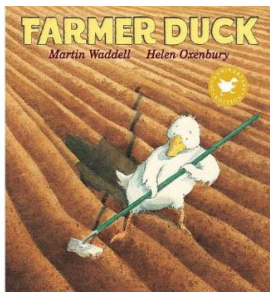
Reception Newsletter Term 1 2021



It has been so nice meeting you all during the home visits. We are really excited to be starting the new term and getting to know the children better.

Our topic for this first term is 'Amazing Me' and we will be learning about ourselves, each other and about our community. We will also be reading lots of familiar stories. Alongside this, we will be working on counting, number recognition, and recognising amounts. We will also be developing our foundation understanding of letters and sounds.

Some of the books we will be looking at in detail are 'Farmer Duck', 'Rosie's Walk', 'Little Red Hen' and 'The Naughty Bus', alongside the children's favourite books.



The attached learning map will expand on how each area of learning will be linked to the stories.

### Home Learning

We encourage children to continue their learning at home which will enhance their progress at school. We are planning to host a meeting, at school, to discuss home learning, reading and phonics during the course of this term. We will let you know what date and time this meeting will be held within the next few weeks.

Phonics – If you are supporting your child with their phonics at home please visit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ksblMiliA8> to ensure you are teaching the pronunciation of the sounds in the same way. There is also a link to the jolly phonic songs below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvAYUvQUrGo>

As the year progresses and children's understanding develops, home learning tasks will adapt and increase appropriately.

Reading	<p><b><u>Please read with your child regularly.</u></b> At this stage it is really helpful to encourage the children to use the pictures to tell stories.</p> <p>We change the children's Home Reading books regularly. Their books and book bags will however be needed in school every day for 1:1 reading. You may like to add a positive or helpful comment in the reading diary but please acknowledge that the book has been read by signing and dating in the comments section.</p> <p>More information about our reading strategies will be shared at the meeting.</p>
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Letters & Sounds	The children will bring home a phonics booklet with sounds highlighted which they have been working on in the week. The children can practice these sounds by writing them, finding words that start with them and cutting pictures out of catalogues. It would be really useful to support the children in identifying these sounds when reading with them. If you need support in knowing the letter sounds please use the video clip recommended above.
Maths	We will be using CBeebies Number Blocks to help with our teaching of number. We will be starting with '1' and then taking a different number every week to understand the value and embed foundations. Other maths activities will be taking place at the same time. This is part of the recommendations from the Maths Mastery approach.



### Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **water bottle** and their **book bag** each day
- Can the children please always bring a **coat** particularly as the British weather can be unpredictable
- Our regular PE days are Monday, but **PE kits should be in all week** as we fit in other sessions where possible

### Useful websites

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) – Phase 1 and 2 - phonics games and activities.

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) – Early Years maths and phonics games.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks> - number blocks clips

### Questions to think about at home:

What is your house built out of?  
 Who are your new friends?  
 What do I need in my school bag?  
 What is different and special about me?  
 Which animals live on a farm?

We hope you all have a lovely first term supporting the children in their learning and please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Boldero, Mss Munn and Miss Bews.





# 'Amazing Me' Who am I? Learning Map What are we learning this term?



<p>Literacy</p> 	<p>Familiar Texts</p> <p>We will be asking the children what their favourite stories are and sharing them.</p> 	<p>Phase 1 &amp; 2 Phonics</p> 	
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Counting 1:1 and Number blocks</p> 	<p>Exploring Shapes</p> 	
<p>Expressive Art &amp; Design</p> 	<p>Self-portraits and exploring famous artists like Picasso and Warhol.</p> <p>Experimenting with lots of different materials and techniques.</p> 		
<p>Understanding the world</p> 	<p>Our school and the world around us.</p> 	<p>People Who Help Us</p> 	<p>Explore our new environment</p> 
<p>Physical Development</p> 	<p>Fine Motor Skills</p> 	<p>Healthy Life Choices</p> 	<p>Gross Motor Skills</p> 
<p>PSED</p>  <p>Recovery Curriculum and Jigsaw PSED</p>	<p>Getting to know each other</p> 	<p>Classroom Rules</p> 	
<p>Communication &amp; Language</p> 	<p>Home News</p> <p>Talking about our friends and family and pets</p> 	<p>Sharing Stories &amp; Drama</p> 	