



Year 1 Newsletter

12th February 2026

English/Phonics

Writing:

In writing we will begin our Poetry focus, looking at different poems about animals. We will begin drafting our own animal poem.

Phonics: Spring 2 week 1

Or - /ur/

Oul - /oo/

Are - /air/

Au, aur, oor, al - /or/

Maths

Children are learning to understand how subtraction represents difference and to use related facts.

<https://vimeo.com/774667034>

<https://vimeo.com/774667217>

<https://vimeo.com/774667132>

Topic

Amazing Animals

We will be looking at the work of illustrator Eric Carle in art (The hungry caterpillar).

We will be experimenting with creating different animal patterns.

Reminders / messages



Forest school will continue after the half term break on a Monday afternoon. Please remember to send in wellies – there were lots of children who forgot them over the last few weeks and we only have limited spares.

Homework

- **Maths:** Use the **1-minute maths** app to practice addition and subtraction facts : <https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths#download>
- **Handwriting:** <https://www.letterjoin.co.uk/login.html>
Username: park + Password: hill
- **Reading:** Please enjoy reading at bedtime and share stories together. Little Wandle books will be sent home at the end of week 1 next half term again.