

LUNA

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 1



Welcome back

We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready for the exciting new term ahead! My name is Sofia Tsoumari and I am so excited to be your children's teacher. In Luna Class, we are launching into learning with our first topic: **Hotel Flamingo**

PHONICS

This half-term, we will be learning to:
Review Phase 3 & 4 Sounds: Revisiting digraphs, trigraphs, and blend sounds to ensure they are secure in both reading and writing.
Master Tricky Words: Continuing to learn and recognize new high-frequency "tricky words" (words that cannot be sounded out phonetically).

Read & Write: Applying our sound knowledge to read decodable words/captions and practice letter formation for clear independent writing.

MATHS

Over the coming weeks, our focus in Maths will be all about **Place Value**—the fundamental building block of number work! Place value helps children understand that the value of a digit depends on its position in a number. We will learn to recognise and read numbers using Hundreds, Tens, and Ones.



ENGLISH

This half-term in English, our learning will be inspired by our exciting main class text: **Hotel Flamingo by Alex Milway!** Following the adventures of Anna and her team as they work to restore the sunniest hotel in town. The children will immerse themselves in the world of Hotel Flamingo as we explore the story and its wonderful animal characters.



World Learning

This half-term, we are diving into Geography to explore the wonderful world of Rivers! The children will be investigating how rivers flow, how they shape the land, and why they are so important to the world around us.

Science

This half-term in Science, we are exploring the hands-on world of **States of Matter!** The children will be investigating how everyday materials behave and how temperature changes them. **Solids, Liquids & Gases:** Discovering how solids hold their shape, liquids pour and flow, and gases fill the air around us.
Melting & Freezing: Investigating how heat changes a solid into a liquid (melting ice or chocolate) and how cold changes a liquid back into a solid (freezing).



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PSHE

This half-term in PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education), we are focusing on emotional literacy by exploring Our Feelings! We will be building self-awareness, empathy, and positive strategies to help us understand and express how we feel.

MUSIC - BY MUSIC MASTERS

The specialists will deliver sessions adapted to our needs and to help us develop new skills.

PE-Tuesday

We will explore different sports and games to develop skills as co-ordination, spatial awareness and teamwork.



How You Can Support at Home

- ✓ Read with your child every day even 10 minutes makes a difference
- ✓ Practise counting and spotting number daily
- ✓ Talk about their day and your day
- ✓ Encourage your child to speak in full sentences
- ✓ Keep school routines consistent, good sleep, breakfast, and calm mornings



Oracy Focus

Every day, we will practise:

Listening carefully to adults and peers
Speaking in full sentences with topic vocabulary
Asking and answering questions
Retelling events in order

