



This week in Year 1

Monday 26th January 2026



English:

Our topic this half term is 'Julia Donaldson.' This week we are going to be looking at the story 'The Snail and the Whale.' We will be ordering main events in the story, and describing the characters of the Snail and the Whale, thinking about how they act and what they do.

Phonics:

We will be using monster phonics during our phonic lessons.

This week we are looking at the sounds:

or, ore and aw

The words we are focusing on: he's, we're, even, began, before, because, girls, birds, first

phonics
ee ur ow
wh y au



Maths:

This week we are going to continue to look at numbers to 20, identify one more and one less of numbers and being able to partition a 2 digit number into tens and ones.

We will be also using a number line to look at numbers to 20, thinking about the order they come in.

Homework:

Monster phonic books get changed each Monday. Please make sure monster phonic books are kept in school bags so we can change them. Your child will also get to choose a free choice book that they can read for enjoyment. This book is a good book to be sharing at bedtime or at the weekend.

Your child will be tested on their spellings each Friday. Please support them with learning their spellings.

Your child now has their login for Numbots and PurpleMash. Please get them to access Numbots a few times a week. PurpleMash has some super number games to play. It is also great for Year 1 to build their confidence with logging into PurpleMash and saving their work etc.



Action Points:

★ PE is on Monday & Friday this half term so please make sure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on those days.

★Please make sure your child's reading books and diary is in their bag each day. Monster phonic books are changed every Monday and we do read during the week.

★ My email if you need it is h.horth@tssfirst.co.uk



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