



The Hive

AUTUMN TERM

Cottingley
Village
Primary School

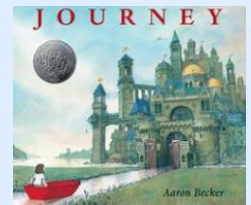
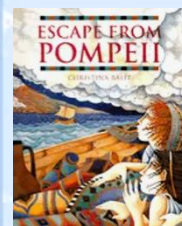


English

In English, the children will explore *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit and *Journey* by Aaron Becker. They will develop their comprehension skills by discussing characters, themes and key events, making predictions, drawing inferences and using evidence from the texts to support their ideas. Through *Journey*, children will also analyse illustrations to interpret meaning, atmosphere and emotion.

As writers, the children will create a character profile inspired by *Escape from Pompeii*. They will use evidence from the text to describe a character's appearance, personality, actions and emotions, selecting precise vocabulary to convey their ideas effectively. They will also write a detailed setting description based on *Journey*, using expanded noun phrases, ambitious vocabulary, figurative language and sensory details to create vivid imagery and bring an imaginative setting to life for the reader. Throughout both units, the children will develop their skills in planning, drafting, editing and improving their writing.

Key text this half term



Maths



As Mathematicians, children will:

Our Mathematics learning KS2 will focus on developing confidence, fluency and reasoning skills across a range of mathematical concepts.

- The children will build their understanding of place value too 1,000,000.
- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, applying these skills to solve increasingly challenging problems.
- They will be developing their ability to explain their reasoning and make connections between different areas of maths.
- Through practical activities and problem-solving opportunities, children will learn to think mathematically, work systematically and apply their learning to real-life contexts.

Science

As Scientists, children will explore states of matter (Solids, liquids and gases).

- Identify and compare solids, liquids and gases.
- Investigate how materials change state through heating and cooling.
- Plan and carry out experiments to explore melting and evaporation.
- Learn about evaporation, condensation and the water cycle.
- Record observations, draw conclusions and use scientific vocabulary to explain their findings.

Spellings



Here are the spellings for Autumn 1 to practice at home.

Please login to [Spelling Shed - Spelling Shed - The Science of Spelling](#) and complete the assignments on a weekly basis.

Accident, accidentally, actual,
actually, address, answer,
appear, arrive, believe, bicycle,
breath, breathe, build, busy,
business, calendar, caught,
centre, century, certain, circle,
complete, consider, continue,
decide, describe, different,
difficult, disappear, early,
earth, eight, eighth, enough,
exercise, experience, experiment
and extreme.

Times Table Facts

Children will be mastering their multiplication facts for times tables up to 12 x 12, aiming for instant recall in less than 6 seconds to prepare for the Multiplication Check in June. They'll use a variety of fun and engaging methods, including Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS), games, rhymes, and chants. This practice will support them as they move through school and into later life. Your support in this learning journey is greatly appreciated, as it will help them build confidence and proficiency in their multiplication skills. [For more information, you can visit the Times Tables Rock Stars website¹.](#)



X	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

The Wider Curriculum



History – Pompeii: The children will explore the ancient Roman town of Pompeii, learning about life before and after the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and how historians use evidence to learn about the past.

Art – Textured Clay and Tessellations: The children will create textured clay artwork and explore tessellations, using pattern, shape and texture to develop their artistic skills.

Computing – Online Relationships and Online Bullying: The children will learn how to build positive online relationships, stay safe online and recognise and respond appropriately to online bullying.

P. E - Children will begin with fundamental skills in P.E. Working on stamina, technique and improving their skills from previous years.

Forest school - The children will use natural materials to create crafts and take part in outdoor activities that develop confidence, creativity and teamwork.



PSHE - SCARF Including Online Safety

As part of our Me and My Relationships topic, The Hive children will explore what healthy and positive relationships look like. They will practise communicating with others, showing empathy, kindness and respect, and learn techniques to manage emotions and resolve disagreements constructively. Alongside this, children will develop an understanding of online safety and responsible behaviour through our computing lessons.

Reminders

P.E every Wednesday.
Forest school every
Friday.

Dates for your diary

Back to School – Tuesday 2nd September
The Hive trip to Science and Media Museum
– Friday 23rd October 2026.