

Townlands C of E Primary Academy

"A journey of learning in the light of God's love"

Faith, Honesty, Love, Friendship, Forgiveness, Hope

"What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

The parable of the Mustard seed- Mark 4:30-32



Year One Autumn 1 2026

**Staff: Miss Bassett, Miss Smith,
Mrs Bromley and Mrs Andrews**

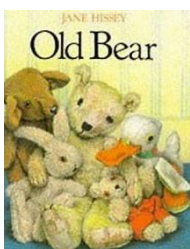
We have an exciting half term ahead, full of fascinating learning opportunities!

In Science, the children will be learning about Animals, including Humans. They will identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and explore how their senses help them understand the world around them.

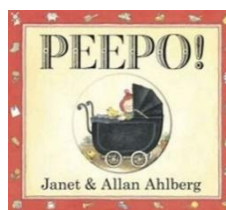
In History, our topic is All About Me! Children will begin to develop their sense of time by learning the difference between past and present in their own lives. They will reflect on their personal history, comparing themselves now to when they were younger.

We are looking forward to a wonderful half term of inspiring and engaging discovery!

Books we will be using to enhance our learning and love of reading.



This half term, the children will be enjoying the book *Old Bear* by Jane Hissey. Using the story as inspiration, they will explore simple story sentences and have a go at writing their own message sentences.



In History, one of our key texts will be *Peepo!* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. This classic story helps children explore everyday family life in the past and compare it with their own lives today.

***Old Bear* by Jane Hissey**

Old Bear is a delightful story about a group of well-loved toys who go on gentle adventures together. With its warm, detailed illustrations and charming storytelling, the book encourages children to explore friendship, problem-solving, and imagination. It's a wonderful text for helping young learners understand story structure and to practise writing their own sentences. This book is engaging, comforting, and sparks plenty of conversation between children and adults.

Homework:

Homework is set every Friday and is due in the following Thursday:

- The homework will be maths, reading and spellings
- Maths will be set via MyMaths and Numbots which is online. Login details for both will be sent home
- Spellings are set weekly and tested on Friday

Reading:

Your child will have at least one reading book every week, appropriate to their reading ability. A child should be able to read their book fluently, using expression and show an understanding of what they are reading. We encourage the children to read at least five times a week and discuss what they have read with an adult. Reading books will be changed, if read, at least once a week and if they are handed in, and we will always do our best to renew books as often as possible. Reading records will be checked regularly.

PE:

P.E. will take place twice a week: with our sports coach, Mr Moon, on **Wednesday**, and with me on **Friday**. Please make sure children come to school in their full P.E. kit on these days.

Their kit should include:

- **Outdoor kit:** joggers, sweatshirt, and trainers
- **Indoor kit:** shorts, T-shirt, and plimsolls

Health & Safety Reminder:

- No jewellery should be worn during P.E. lessons.
- If earrings cannot be removed, they must be taped over (children should bring their own tape).
- Long hair must be tied up.

Water:

The children need to continue to bring fresh water to school (**not juice**) each day in a labelled bottle. It is important they do this because they do get thirsty throughout the day. We thank you for your cooperation with this.



Dates for your diary:

Thursday 24th – Tuesday 29th September Travelling Book Fair

Friday 25th September – European Languages Day

Tuesday 13th October - Harvest Festival – 10:00am at St Simon & St Jude Church for Years 2-6 only

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October- parents/carers evening

Friday 9th October - World Mental Health Day

Keep looking at our pages on the website for information and activities. If you have any queries or questions at any time, then please feel free to phone or email the school office.

Finally, keep an eye on our Facebook page for the latest updates and successes.