

Year One Newsletter



Our learning theme this half term is
Childhood



12th-16th October 2026



<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/please-log-in>

Reading book assigned this week is **Layla and the Bluebird**
Top reading class last week was **Willow Class**. Well done!



Oxford Owl reading

Great to see so many children logging onto their oxford owl library.
If you have not already, please make sure you have logged in to see the weekly assigned books. This will really help your child consolidate their phonics and also provide thousands of online books that they can read at their own pace. To find the log in screen - www.oxfordowl.co.uk . Please speak to your class teacher if there are any issues!

Phonics

In phonics this week, we will be focussing on the digraphs **wh, ph, ew, oe**
We will also be learning the Harder to Read and Spell (HRS) words **want, very, people, Mrs, house, Mr, should, ask, mouse, asked, oh, water**.

The DfE have published some useful information about phonics; what it is, why it is taught and what the screening check is. We start our phonics lessons as soon as the bell goes at 9am, so it is important to make sure your child is here on time every day, so they are not missing anything. You can read more here: [Everything you need to know about phonics in schools - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2018/09/07/everything-you-need-to-know-about-phonics-in-schools/)

Our learning this week will include:

English - Continuing our writing based on The Train Ride.	Maths -an end of term quiz assessing all the areas we have been working on so far this term, and an addition fact quiz. We will also represent number bonds using the + and = symbols. We will be focussing on working systematically.
Science - Investigating which materials would be best to make bunting to hang outside.	History - Finding out about everyday life in the 1950s.

NSPCC PANTS lesson

This week, we will be delivering the NSPCC PANTS lesson. We aim to teach our children the following important safety skills, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories. These are the PANTS rules:

P: Privates are private.

A: Always remember your body belongs to you.

N: NO means NO.

T: Talk about secrets that upset you.

S: Speak up, someone can help.

The lesson will empower children, in an age-appropriate way, to recognise their rights to their own bodies, say no to touch that is unwanted, and tell someone if they feel uncomfortable. If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's campaign, including a short film and parent guide to help you continue the 'Talk PANTS' conversation at home, more information can be found at: nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you have any further questions or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher, or Mrs Kilby - our PSHE lead. Thank you!

Parent's Evening

We are looking forward to seeing you on the following dates to discuss how your child has settled into year 1 so far. Please book an appointment via the following link:

<https://blossomfield.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>.

Tuesday 13th October

Monday 19th October

Tuesday 20th October

Suggested home activities

Maths

Practice quick recall of addition within 10. You could play rolling 2 dice and adding the numbers together or write the numbers 0-20 in chalk outside and ask your child to jump on the correct answer as you give them addition questions.

Your child might like to play the following online games to practice:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths>

<https://www.purplemash.com/#app/games/bondbubbles>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/addition/addition-to-10>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/addition/robot-addition>

Forest school

In forest school, we looked for different natural materials that were light, rough, soft etc. You could look for some of these in your garden, or at the park, then have a go at creating a face or a nature mobile out of them!



Writing

We are enjoying The Train Ride in our English lessons. Have you been on a train before? Or in a car? Or on a plane? Write about the journey you took, the things you saw out the window etc.

A note from Mrs Arnold

Thank you to those who have emailed me reading photos, but I need some more or our display will be looking a little bit sad! Please can you send in a photo of your child/ren reading their favourite book in a place they feel comfortable and cosy. I think I'll be on my sofa in my dressing gown with a cup of tea, sounds nice, doesn't it? Please email all photos to:

FAO Mrs Arnold Library s4year2@blossomfield.solihull.sch.uk

Thank you and happy reading!



If you have any questions or just want to say hello, please contact us using the year 1 email s4year1@blossomfield.solihull.sch.uk

Many thanks for your support and interest

Miss Collins and Mrs Kilby

