

# Year One Newsletter



Our learning theme this half term is  
Childhood



5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2026

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

Reading book assigned this week is 'Monster Sprouts'.

Top reading class last week was Elm Class.

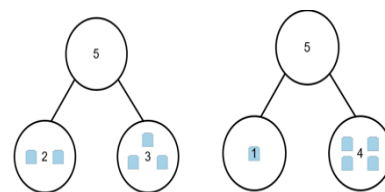
Well done!



## Phonics

It is assessment week, and we will be assessing children on phonemes and Harder to Read and Spell (HRS) words taught in Reception and this half term.

Our learning next week will include:



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| <b>English</b> - writing a sentence each day to build up the story of The Little Red Train             | <b>Maths</b> - using the part-part whole model and recording addition sentences using + and =                      |
| <b>Art</b> - Identifying and using paints in the primary and secondary colours to create a final piece | <b>Computing</b> - Following a sequence of steps to solve a problem and create instructions that others can follow |

## Coats

As the weather is now changing, please could you ensure that your child has a coat in school every day. Coats need to be waterproof and have a hood.

## Oxford Owl reading

Please ensure you are logging onto oxford owl weekly and reading the ebook assigned to your child. Each child has a personal log in, these can be found on the front of your reading diary. The ebook assigned has got new phonic sounds that have been taught for that week. Please find the website as follows;

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/login?active-tab=students>

## Suggested Home Activity

### Art- Mix It

Our Mix It topic this term teaches children about basic colour theory by studying the colour wheel and colour mixing. It includes an exploration of primary and secondary colours and how artists use colour in their artwork. Please read and discuss the Mix It Knowledge Organiser with your child at home (attached to this newsletter).

## Writing

You have been in year 1 for 5 weeks now! Can you write about your favourite things you have done so far? It could be playing on the climbing frame, maths fluency, painting in art...

## Maths

Practice ordering and sequencing numbers to 10 and beyond

Numbers can be written on the back of old birthday cards. Mix them up and practice ordering them forwards and back. Ask your child to hide their eyes and remove a number. What is missing? How do you know? \_\_\_\_ comes after \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ comes before \_\_\_\_.

Play Caterpillar Sequencing and Ordering

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/caterpillar-ordering>

## Harvest Festival

Last week the children sang some beautiful Harvest songs in assembly and learnt about Harvest from our Shirley Baptist Church visitors. Thank you for your kind donations of food and toiletries. These donations will be sent to Trussell Food Bank

<https://www.trussell.org.uk/>.



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

Many thanks for your support and interest  
Mrs Kilby and Miss Collins

