Year One Newsletter

Our learning theme this half term is
Childhood
9th – 13th November 2026

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Reading book assigned this week is **Helping Out**.
Top reading class last week is Willow Class. Well done!

Phonics
In phonics this week, we will be focussing on i-e, o-e, u-e, c (as in city)
We will also be learning the Harder to Read and Spell (HRS) words - any, many, again

Our learning this week will include:

English – reading the story of Little Red Riding Hood by Lari Don, and writing effective sentences to retell the story. We will focus on dialogue and adjectives.	**Maths** – learning about subtraction using the crossing out method, taking away and counting back
Science – labelling the main parts of the human body and saying which body part is associated with which sense.	**History** – continuing our work on the 1950s and finding out about Queen Elizabeth II's coronation.

Please remember to come dressed in PE kit on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. A long pair of jogging bottoms, PE T shirts, school jumper and a pair of trainers is ideal.

Please also remember a warm coat, preferably with a hood. Named gloves, a scarf and a hat are useful now as the weather is getting colder.

Phonics Family Workshop
Tuesday 10th November
We look forward to meeting you in the school hall 9-10.

Suggested Home Activity

Where can you find examples of phonics? Where might you find the letter 'm' or digraph 'ar'? The simple answer is that phonics is everywhere! There are letters, words and sentences around your home in newspapers, books and food labels. Outside you may find digraphs, trigraphs and single sounds on street signs, shop signs and in the park. For your home activity this week, you could go on a 'phonic' hunt! How many different digraphs, trigraphs, words and captions can you read and notice? You could make a tally chart of the most popular digraph you can find or play i-spy game. Have fun being a phonic detective!

Maths Activity: Subtraction

Purple Mash/Mathematics/Number/Addition and Subtraction/ Subtraction within 10 and Subtraction Using a Numberline

Or chalk a large numberline outside, verbally give your child a subtraction sentences eg Seven subtract three is equal to ___

Ask your child to stand on 7

Jump back 3

Land on ___

Science-Human Senses

Our Human Senses topic this term teaches children that humans are a type of animal known as a mammal. Children will name and count body parts and identify similarities and differences. They will learn about the senses, the body parts associated with each sense and their role in keeping us safe. Please read and discuss the Human Senses Organiser and Glossary with your child at home (attached to this newsletter).

Writing

We have nearly finished our topic on the 1950s. We would love to see a poster, fact file, book or any other presentation of everything you have learnt/remembered about the 1950s!



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

Mrs Kilby and Miss Collins