

Year One Newsletter



Our learning theme this half term is
Childhood



19th-23rd October 2026



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

Reading book assigned this week is '**I Am Like An Elephant**'
Top reading class last week is **Willow Class**. Well done!



Phonics

In phonics this week, we will be reviewing sounds and Harder to Read and Spell (HRS) words.

Our learning this week will include:

English - planning and writing our own continuation of The Train Ride, broken down into 3 plot points. Our first independent write!	Maths - Representing and use number bonds to 10- adding together amounts and counting on more on a number line.
Computing - learning about algorithms by programming a Bee-Bot on the Bee-Bot iPad app.	RE - finishing our topic on <i>How should we care for others and the world, and why does it matter?</i>

Suggested home activity

Maths: practise counting forwards to 100, and backwards from 100 - how far can you get? You could use Paint the Square to support this:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/paint-the-squares>

Purple Mash Addition Game: How quick can you complete addition facts to 10?

Mathematics/Number/2Race/Addition up to 10

Science: experiment with which objects/materials in your house are waterproof; if you spray water on them, do they soak up the water? Does the water drip through?

History/writing: we are getting into our 1950s childhood topic now! Do you know anyone who was a child in the 1950s? You could ask them questions about what their childhood was like (e.g. about toys, school, work) and write down what you learn from them.

Active 30:30

We would like to showcase all the ways that your children are physically active outside of school, on a display board in the school hall. Please send in a photo with a short description of what your child is doing, to their year group email address. The photos will be printed at school and displayed in the hall alongside a brief caption. A short description without a photo, or with a drawing by your child, would also be great. The activity could be, for example, playing on the climbing frame at the park, riding on their bike or scooter, playing football or dancing – whatever they enjoy doing.

The aim of the Chief Medical Officer is for all children to be physically active for at least 60 minutes each day, so we would love to hear how your children are working towards, or achieving this.

Mrs Mason (PE Lead)



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

With all our very best wishes

Mrs Kilby and Miss Collins