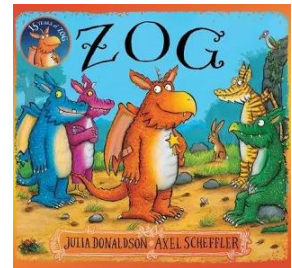


Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

In English lessons this week, we have been focusing on letter formation. We have practised forming both capital and lower-case letters from the correct starting and finishing point. We have also read 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson. We have focused on the rhyme and repetition within the story and have enjoyed acting out Zog's emotions throughout the story using freeze frames.



During Phonics lessons, we have been recapping the Phase 3 phonemes. Our tricky words for the week have been: what, when, he, she, we, be, me, have and love. These are the words the children need to be able to sight read. An overview of the phonics taught this week is attached to your child's Home Learning Folder.

This week, your child has been given a reading book from the Little Wandle Scheme. In order to ensure confidence, fluency and comprehension are well established, it is important this book is read at home daily. Your child's reading book must be brought to school every day, to enable them to read their book as part of the group reading sessions.

In Maths, we have been finding ways to group and sort items based on different criteria. Next week, we will be finding different ways to represent a number through counters, objects, jottings and written digits.

We will be continuing to use your child's Seesaw account throughout Year 1. Seesaw will be used to inform you of work completed in class along with any special events or activities that have taken place throughout the week. If you have any questions regarding logging into Seesaw, then please ask via your child's home/schoolbook.

This week, your child has been sent home with their 'Home Learning folder'. This is the system we use in Year 1 for homework. As part of the Home Learning, we will be setting weekly activities on Purple Mash. Next week, your child's Purple Mash log-in details will be uploaded to your child's Seesaw account. Once received, please practise logging into Purple Mash with your child at home.

The Home/School link books (Orange or Blue) will continue to be used in Y1 for any messages. However, if you need to share an urgent message that needs to be passed onto your child's teacher at the start of the school day, please phone and leave a message with the school office.

Many thanks,

Miss Nicholson and Miss Knight

