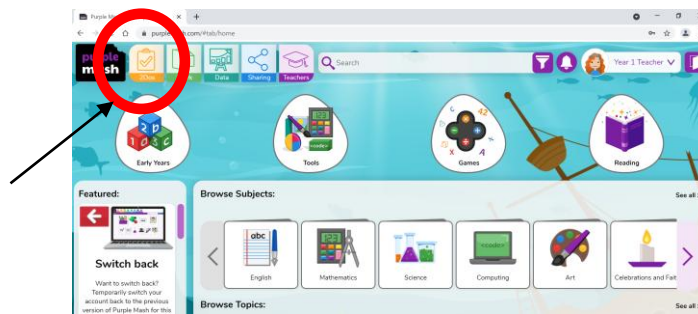


Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

Firstly, we would like to say how impressed we were by the number of children accessing last week's Purple Mash challenge of e-mailing the teacher. We loved hearing about what you all got up to during the weekend! This week's Purple Mash challenge is to complete the 2Do that has been set. You will find this by clicking on the 2Do icon at the top of the page on the left.



During Phonics lessons, we have been recapping Phase 4 words. Our tricky words for the week have been: they, some, come, was, were, there, sure and pure. 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 in Year 1, we have introduced a reading challenge called 'The 50-Book Challenge'. Children are encouraged to choose a book from the 50-book box each week. It will be signed out of school when they take it and signed back in when they return it. This challenge continues throughout your child's time at Woodhouse, with books changing to ensure they are age appropriate. In the back of their reading diaries there is a sheet for the children to keep track of which books they have read by ticking each one once read. This book is in addition to the Little Wandle reading scheme book and is for your child to enjoy with an adult.

In Maths, we have been learning how to count backwards from 10. We have used number lines to help us identify one more or one less than any given amount. Next week we will be comparing sets of numbers to say whether one is greater than, less than or equal to the other.

On Thursday, we had a great time celebrating the European Day of Languages! We learnt about lots of different European countries and practised saying 'hello' in different languages. We worked in teams to create models of significant landmarks in Europe and made our own French flags using collage techniques.

Many Thanks,
Miss Nicholson and Miss Knight