

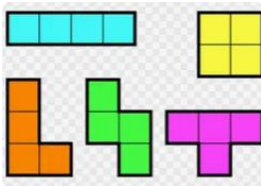


**16<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

It has been another busy week in Year 1! We are looking forward to talking with you at the Parent/Teacher meetings next week. These will be held in Ladybirds' Class. As you walk through the school, please take time to look at the work displayed in the corridors. It is amazing!

### **Our learning this week**

#### **Maths**



We have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes by making different arrangements with pattern blocks and cubes. Did you know that a tetronimo is a shape made by connecting 4 squares? How many squares do you think a pentomino has?

#### **English**



The children have used small world resources to create scenarios from Traction Man. They have learnt about nouns and proper nouns (specific names for things e.g. London, John) and made-up names for different items and areas of the classroom, e.g. The Terrible Tables, The Whiteboard of Doom.

#### **Computing**



This half term the children are programming Beebots. They have experimented pressing the different buttons on the robot and finding out what they do. They have 'programmed' their learning partner by giving them instructions to do different actions and directions to move around the classroom. They recognised the importance of giving clear, simple instructions, e.g. move forward 3 spaces, turn left.



**Home Learning Ideas:**

For home learning, you could...

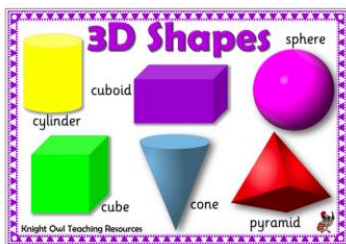
**Phonics:**

Phonics sounds & Tricky words, in preparation for the new term.

	Sounds	Tricky Words
Jayne's Group	o (go, post) i (tiger) a (paper) e (he)	your their people oh Mr Mrs Ms
Kate's Group	ai ee igh oa ow ear air er sh zz ss ch qu ar or ng ck th oi oo	what when he she we be me have love
Rhiannon's Group	air er ee ai igh oa ear	Full push and no go of
Sarah's Group	Recapping graphemes: qu sh th ch ng nk ai ee igh oa oo oo ow or er ur ow oi ear air CVCC words and CCVC words	put pull push full some come love my by like

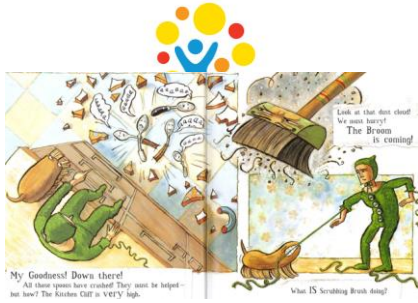
Practise reading your phonics book with an adult at home and return to school by the following Wednesday.

**Maths**



What 3-D shapes can you find around your home? Can you name any of them? What are they used for? Can you make a model with 3-D shapes?

**English**



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Use your toys and create an adventure for them. Who are the main characters? What happens in your adventure? Make up names for the different places they go and objects they meet?

## Weekly Learning Letter

### Dates for your diary

#### **Educational Visit: Wild Cat Wilderness**

Thursday 22nd January - Ladybirds

Thursday 29th January - Butterflies

Thursday 5th February - Treefrogs

#### **Educational Visit: Dulwich Picture Gallery**

Wednesday 4th March - Treefrogs and Butterflies

Thursday 5th March – Ladybirds

#### **RA Young Artists' Summer Show 2026**

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–18 years studying in the UK. It is project run by the Royal Academy of Arts to nurture and celebrate the next generation of artists.

If you would like to submit a piece of work for your child, you can do so using the link: [Young Artists' Summer Show | Royal Academy](#)

A panel of artists and arts professionals will then judge the artworks with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

**The deadline is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 5pm.**

**Have a brilliant weekend!**

**The Year One Team**