



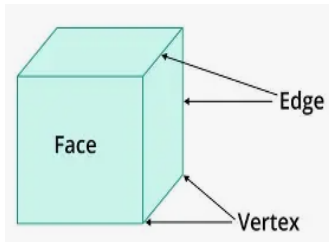
Weekly Learning Letter

23rd January 2026

It was great to meet with you this week and talk about your child's progress. If you still need to talk with your child's teacher, please arrange an appointment with them.

Our learning this week

Maths



We have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. The children learnt the names: cuboid, cube, cone, sphere, pyramid and cylinder. They learnt the mathematical language: curved surface, face, vertex/vertices, edge. They investigated whether 2D shapes made up the faces of 3D shapes and learnt the names of some of these: square, rectangle, triangle, circle.

English



The children recreated scenes from Traction Man and acted out what was happening. They wrote a voiceover to go with the scene, saying what was happening. They wrote speech bubbles for the characters. They are getting ready to write the next part of the story!

Science



The children have been talking about seasonal changes and finding out why some leaves change colour and fall off trees in Winter. They learnt that leaves contain chlorophyll which is a pigment that gives leaves their green colour. They found out that in Autumn there is less chlorophyll in leaves and the colours underneath are revealed. They carried out an investigation to find out what colours are 'hidden' inside other colours. It was very exciting!

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Home learning ideas:

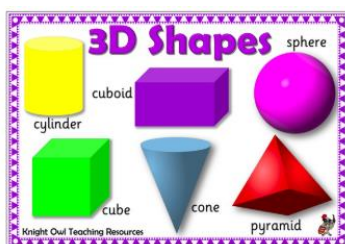
For home learning, you could...

Phonics your child has been learning this week:

	Sounds	Tricky Words
Jayne's Group	a_e (cake) i_e (time) o_e (home) u_e (rude, cute)	Mr Mrs Ms ask could would should our
Kate's Group	oo ar th ck er ur air igh ear or ng	was they some come were there sure pure
Rhiannon's Group	ar ee oo oo air ow or oi	no of to into she he we
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 CCVCC, CCCVC words and CCVCCC words	are pure sure was do were here little says

The children will take part in a phonics screening check in June to evaluate their ability to decode words using their phonic knowledge. To prepare them for this, you can practise at home using these games: [PhonicsPlay - Phase 4 Resources](#) (Picnic on Pluto, Dragon's Den, Buried Treasure)

Maths



Play 'Guess the Shape'. Describe a 3D shape using mathematical language, e.g. It has one curved surface, one vertex and a circle face. Can you name the shape that's being described?

Play Shape Escape on ICT games: [Shape Escape- Practice recognising and naming 2D and 3D shapes](#)

Dates for your diary



Educational Visit: Wild Cat Wilderness

Thursday 29th January - Butterflies

Thursday 5th February - Treefrogs

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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 4th March 2026 at 5pm.

Have a brilliant weekend!

The Year One Team