

Weekly Learning Letter

30th January 2026

Our learning this week

Maths

We have been learning about 2D shapes. The children learnt the names: circle, triangle, rectangle, square, and oblong. They used mathematical language to describe the shapes: curved, side, vertex/vertices, equal. They found out that: circles have one curved side which is an equal distance from the centre; triangles have 3 straight sides and 3 vertices; rectangles have 4 straight sides and 4 vertices that are all the same (squares have 4 equal sides and oblongs have 2 shorter and 2 longer sides).

English



The children have been writing their own Traction Man stories about what happened to Traction Man and Scrubbing Brush next. Some children decided to use different superheroes to continue their adventures. The stories are great and we are so impressed with the children's writing!

Music

In Music we are learning about percussion instruments. A percussion instrument is used to make a musical sound and is played by striking, scraping or shaking. The children had opportunities to play a selection of instruments and practise keeping the pulse (the regular, steady heartbeat of the music). They were introduced to rhythm (the pattern of sounds and silences of differing durations) through singing, body percussion and playing instruments.

Art



This half term we are focusing on simple printmaking. This week we used paint to create handprints and fingerprints. Once the prints had dried, the children made observational drawings of flowers over the top. Their finished work is amazing!



Home learning ideas:

Phonics your child has been learning this week:

| | Sounds | Tricky Words |
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| Jayne's Group | e_e (these) ew (flew) ie (shield) aw (claw) | could would should our house mouse water want |
| Kate's Group | ai ee igh oa oo oo ar or ur ow oi ear air er | the I go no you said to have like |
| Rhiannon's Group | ur igh oa ow oo oo ar ear | he we me be was you they all |
| 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 Longer words and compound words (farm/yard, sand/pit) | we he she me be says there when what one |

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 2D shape using mathematical language, e.g. It has one curved side and no vertices. Can you name the shape that is being described?

Here are some great shape games you can play to consolidate your child's learning: [Fun Maths Games about Shapes, Symmetry and Co-ordinates for Kids](#)

English



Year 1

Each morning the children write sentences to go with a picture. Here are some pictures you can use with your child at home to practise their writing:

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giant fairy foot bowl helping hurt the was because then there that



dragon girl looking mountain cloud the was because then there that

Dates for your diary

Educational Visit: Wild Cat Wilderness

Thursday 5th February - Treefrogs

Educational Visit: Dulwich Picture Gallery




Football Trials

AFC Lewisham is the biggest football club in Lewisham, offering a fun, safe, and high-quality football environment. All sessions are delivered by FA-qualified coaches, and the club has established academy links, providing excellent development opportunities for young players who want to progress in the game.

We will be holding an open U7 trial session for children currently in Year 1 on:

 Monday 9th February

 18:00 – 19:00 (please arrive at 17:45)

 Prendergast Ladywell, Manwood Road
SE4 1SA

This session is a great opportunity for children to experience professional coaching, develop their skills, and be part of one of Lewisham's leading grassroots football clubs ahead of the 2026/27 season.

To confirm your place, please:

- Email: info@afclewisham
- Or text: 07506 126385

Please include:

- Child's full name
- Date of birth
- School

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