

Dear parent/carer,

Your child's school has chosen to be part of an exciting initiative to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. **WOW – the walk to school challenge** is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking to school.

The pupil-led challenge enables children to self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scooter or Park and Stride) at least once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that simple!

**What are the benefits of walking to school?**

- Children feel happier and healthier
- They arrive to school refreshed and ready to learn
- Helps reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates

**What if we can't walk to school?**

If driving, 'Park and Stride' to help your child earn their WOW badges. Park **at least ten minutes away** from the school and walk the remaining journey.

If using public transport, hop off **at least ten minutes away** and walk the rest (recorded as 'other' on the WOW Travel Tracker).

Where walking to school isn't an option, we work with schools to establish a bespoke approach to WOW that works best for their pupils' needs.

If you have any questions on the adaptability of WOW or have suggestions of how we can improve, we would love to hear your thoughts. Please email [walktoschool@livingstreets.org.uk](mailto:walktoschool@livingstreets.org.uk)

**What is a WOW badge?**

There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of our annual WOW Badge Design Competition. A new badge can be earned every month if pupils' walk/wheel, cycle, scooter or Park and Stride at least once a week.

If Parents wish to contact class teacher, they may do so by sending an email to the class' email address below:

**Year 1 classes' email addresses:**

Ruby class - [rbyclass05@gmail.com](mailto:rbyclass05@gmail.com)

Amethyst class - [amethystclass6@gmail.com](mailto:amethystclass6@gmail.com)

Topaz class - [topazclass7@gmail.com](mailto:topazclass7@gmail.com)

Amber class - [amberclass8@gmail.com](mailto:amberclass8@gmail.com)



Infant & Nursery School

**Year 1**

**Weekly Newsletter**

**13<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Please visit us on our website:

[www.yeadinginf.co.uk](http://www.yeadinginf.co.uk)

and Instagram account

[https://instagram.com/yeading\\_infants](https://instagram.com/yeading_infants)

You will find all school information, updates, term dates and up & coming events

**Whole school attendance 93.6%**



**This is below the national Target**

Group	% Attend
Tigger	100%
Owl	97.6%
Rabbit	100%
Roo	92.0%
Ruby	90.7%
Amethyst	88.1%
Topaz	94.3%
Amber	96.3%
Diamond	95.2%
Pearl	88.0%
Sapphire	92.3%
Emerald	92.6%

## Literacy

**This week** we have been writing looking at non-fiction with an emphasis on labels and captions e.g. Why do we use labels and what is the purpose of a caption? (leg - they help me move). The children have been labelling the body parts and making simple lists of their observation as well as identifying things that keep us clean and healthy.

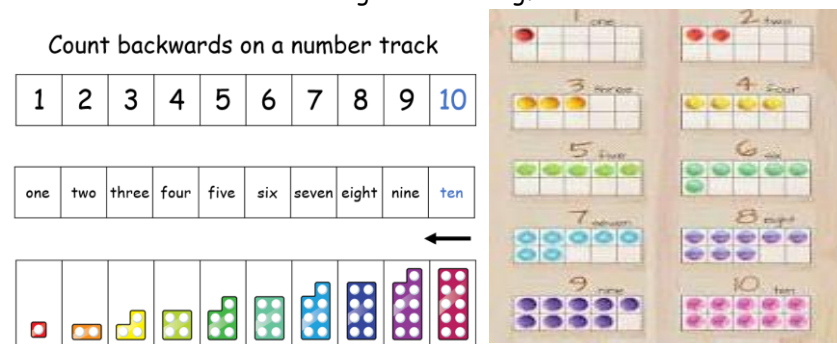
**Next week** we will continue to study non-fiction text and writing examples with a focus on instruction writing. (Identifying the features of instruction writing).

**Keywords:** Label, heading, sub-heading, bullet points, bossy verbs, recipe

## Maths

**This week** we have counting on and representing a number of objects on a ten frame as well as reading and writing numbers in figures/numerals and words.

**Next week** we will be continuing with counting.



**Science:** Weather- seasons

## Foundation Subjects

**History** - My family - please send in a baby picture of your child by 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

**R.E.** - Islam/ Harvest Festival-**Please donate a food item**

(please ensure the products are in date and not fresh produce).

**PSHE** - The Zones of Regulations <https://zonesofregulation.com>

**PANTS** <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

**Art/DT** - following instructions to create a drawing.

All children in year 1 will be participating in **Forest School** activities.

**Ruby Class** will be taking part in Forest School the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup>

**September**. Please ensure your child has wellington boots in school prior to the above date. Can you please label your child's boots and provide a plastic bag for storage purposes.

## Question of the week

What is your favourite subject in Year 1?

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### A polite reminder

You must ensure you arrive to school by **8.45am**. Lateness has devastating effects on teaching and learning process in the school which has negative impacts on school standards, pupils' academic performance, absenteeism and distractions for other pupils.

Thank you to all parents who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' session on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September**.

Children will be celebrating our 'Harvest Festival' assembly on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024** with our special guest Father Peter.

Our year one **curriculum meeting** is taking place on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** at 9.10am in the school hall.

- **Phone-free zone** - Yeading Infant School is a phone-free zone. Please ensure phones are put away while collecting your child.
- **Park and stride** - Please park away from school near the church or park when dropping off your child and walk into school.
- **Nut allergies** - Just another reminder that we do not allow any nuts on school grounds including food that 'may contain nuts'
- **Reading** - Please read with your child daily, write a comment in the yellow home/school diary and ensure that his/her book bag is brought in daily. Books are changed every Monday and Thursday.
- **Homework** is given out on a Friday and give back to the teacher on the following Monday
- **Class Photographs** will be taken on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024. Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform.
- **A gentle reminder to all parents**-please donate towards your child's' cookery lessons this term.
- **Early morning soft starts** are on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Parents will be shown various strategies to support their child's' learning at home. Guidance will be provided from the class teacher. Sessions start promptly at 8:45-9:00am.

## USEFUL WEBSITES

Phonics - <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

Mr Thorne Does Phonics with Geraldine the Giraffe on YouTube-  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sW4j8p7k9D\\_qRRMUsGqyw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sW4j8p7k9D_qRRMUsGqyw)

Phonics play - [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

Top Marks - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

Have a good weekend!

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