



## Federation of Pinvin C of E First School and St Nicholas C of E Middle School

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*Together, we inspire, discover and achieve*

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Dear Parents and Carers of Ash class,

We would like to welcome our Year 2 children and parents to our wonderful Ash Class. We appreciate how challenging the last few months have been for everyone, but all of the children have accessed a range of learning and experiences that meet their individual needs because of you. When all of this is over, we are sure they will look back fondly on their extended time at home spending quality time with you all, but also remember how great it was to be back at school with their teachers and friends.

We will be recapping topics from the previous year group to ensure that we cover any gaps from the period the children were not able to access school. This will happen alongside the topics for the current year.

Our topic this half term is:

### Let's Go On Safari



Subject	Focus
English	How to hide a lion at school (fiction). Reptiles (non-fiction).
Mathematics	Number and place value, the properties of shape and addition and subtraction.
Science	Living things and their habitats.
R.E.	Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?
Art	Silhouette safari art.
D.T.	African masks.
PSHE	Being me in my world.
Geography	Let's go on safari.
I.C.T.	Algorithms.
P.E.	Dribbling, kicking and hitting skills

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## Communication books

The children will bring home their communication books this week. Please ensure your child brings their communication book into school every day. Due to restrictions in place at the moment, this will be a really important way of passing messages to and from school. On page 6 in the communication book you will find passwords for Google Classroom and Purple Mash. More information on using Google Classroom will follow after half term.

### Reading – A message from Mrs. Harvey (Deputy Headteacher)

As a school, one of our main focuses for this year is reading. Reading is an extremely important skill that impacts on all areas of learning. We want every child to develop 'a love of reading'. Staff are currently hearing the children read to ensure they are reading books at the appropriate level for their fluency and comprehension.

We ask that the children read for 10 minutes at least 3 times a week. We would like parents to talk to the children about what they have read and sign the communication book. Reading logs are found in the communication book from p.11 onwards. Reading books will be changed on a Monday. The children will receive a certificate in the final celebration assembly of each half term for reading regularly for six weeks. Reading at home can include anything that interests your child. This could include magazines, newspapers or a book that they have read even if it isn't their school book.

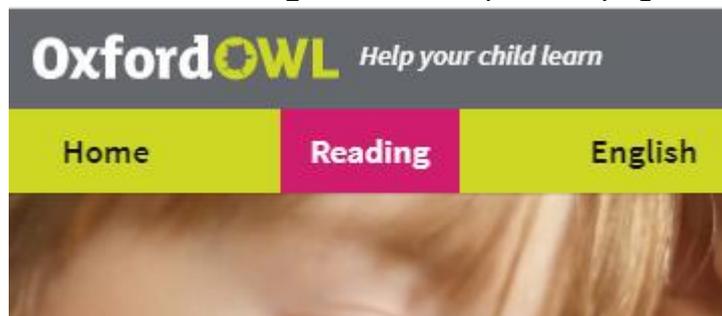
Please note that due to current guidance, returned books will be quarantined for 72 hours before being put back out in our reading baskets.

A resource we would highly recommend for you to access at home are e-books on [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk). They have some brilliant e-books which you can share for free!!! As a parent, you need to register on the website to get access to the books.

Once you have registered, please follow these instructions to find e-books for your child to read:

#### **Step 1:**

Click on the **reading tab** at the top of the page.



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**Step 2:**

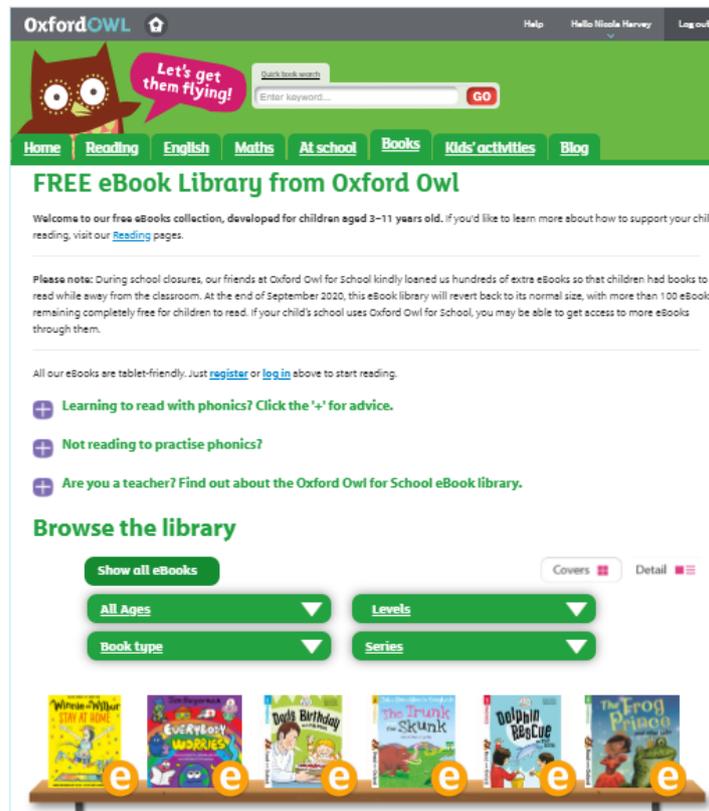
Click on the dropdown menu for **e-book library**.

**Browse the eBook library**

**Step 3:**

Click on the levels option and choose '**Letters and Sounds Phase ...**' (see below depending on your child's year group). The reading books provide an opportunity for your child to consolidate his/her learning and develop his/her fluency.

Class	Phonic phases taught during the year
Sycamore (Reception)	Phases 1, 2 and 3
Oak (Year 1)	Phases 2, 3, 4 and 5
Ash (Year 2)	Phases 3, 4, 5 and 6



There are lots of books there that we hope your child will enjoy. This is a new online resource which we are also using in school.

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## **Reading in unusual places**

A display is being created in school with the title 'Reading in unusual places' and we would like parents to email a photograph of their child reading to [info@pinvinfed.co.uk](mailto:info@pinvinfed.co.uk) by **19.10.20**. Every child that sends in a photograph will receive a prize!! The more unusual the better!!

## **Homework**

The children will have weekly spellings to learn which will include words that contain the different sounds or spelling patterns that have been learnt that week. The children will bring the words home to learn in their spelling books and will be given a spelling quiz on a Monday.

## **Equipment for School**

Please continue to provide your child with a **named** water bottle every day, as water is essential to keep your child's brain 'switched on'. Please ensure your child's P.E. kit is in school and that it is named. Earrings need to be removed on P.E. days for your child's safety.

Year 2 children can also bring their own fruit or healthy snack to school which they can take out at break time. A school snack will still be available to those children who do not bring a healthy snack from home.

## **Password system**

For safeguarding reasons we are introducing a password system regarding the collection of children. If anyone other than a child's parent or carer picks them up, the adult will need to give the password you have chosen when picking up your child. Please let your child's class teacher know and they will record it.

Mrs Bowkett will teach Ash class on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs. Coote will be teaching on a Thursday and Friday. We are both really looking forward to teaching your child this year.

Kind regards

Mrs Bowkett and Mrs Coote.

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