

Week 6 6th –10th October

Welcome to our home school communication! Each week you will get an overview of the class learning and will be set some home tasks too. Home school communication books should be returned to school on a **Wednesday**.

Please remember you have access to reading books on the Oxford Owl website. These are books that we have shared during our guided reading sessions.

Please find below the summary of our week in school.	
In the Classroom...	The children have really enjoyed listening to 'Owl Babies' this week. They have taken part in a range of exciting activities linked to the story, including painting and colouring their own owls. They made Owl Babies story stick puppets. They also had lots of fun making yummy pancakes with chocolate spread and fruit! To enhance their fine motor skills, the children worked together to get the bears across the river using cups and lollipop sticks and practised carefully passing objects around the circle using pegs instead of their fingers. This helped to strengthen their hand muscles and improve co-ordination. We talked about our early warning signs and how these affect our bodies when we feel scared.
Outside the classroom...	Children have enjoyed swinging in the hammock and playing in the mud kitchen at forest school. In our outdoor area, they have been building obstacle courses and bridges using blocks and planks.
Phonics	This week the children have been learning the new sounds g, o, c and k. This week's harder to read and spell words are 'of' and 'is'. The children have continued to segment and blend CVC words and have begun to read short sentences such as 'a gap' and 'put it in a pot'. They have also been writing the newly taught sounds in their phonics workbooks.
Maths	This week in maths, the children have been focusing on recognising, representing, and subitising the numbers 1, 2, and 3. Subitising means to instantly see how many objects are in a group without counting them individually. To reinforce these concepts, the children were given cards displaying several dots. Their task was to count the dots on their card and then recognise others with the same amount. The children did an amazing job of organising themselves into the relevant groups.
Home learning	Please read your reading book and log on to Oxford Owl. When reading, please try to recognise the sounds we have learnt and blend the sounds together to help you read the words.  Owl Babies Counting to 5 Count the pictures and write your answers in the circles. 1 owl, 2 leaves, 3 worms, 4 flowers, 5 mushrooms Can you draw a flower? Can you draw a leaf? Please count the owls on the Owl Babies Sheet.

Please remember to visit the school website for the photos. [Reception class page](#)

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