



FREEGROUNDS INFANT SCHOOL  
EYFS



Week Beginning: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Key Information:**

We are reading with your child weekly to build on their phonics learning. Please ensure your child's reading journal is in their book bag every day.

As part of our ongoing understanding of your child's learning we will be carrying out some screening checks for the remainder of this school year.

The short screening check involves your child playing some games on the interactive whiteboard with an LSA. There are 2 parts to it, Rapid and CoPS. These assessments identify early signs of dyslexia/cognitive difficulties.

**Rapid**

This is a light touch screener to identify strengths and challenges related to potential dyslexia. The games assess your child's phonological processing, working memory, and visual-verbal integration memory. Further information about the activities that form the assessment can be seen in this video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OiCqKmgjZ4s>

**CoPS**

This is a further assessment we complete if your child shows having difficulties from the Rapid screening. The aim of it is to identify cognitive strengths and challenges in more detail (specifically working memory, phonological awareness, phonological processing, auditory discrimination and colour discrimination). Further information about the activities that form the assessment can be seen in this video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9O5azgs1NNO>

Once your child has completed the screening check, if there are actions that may follow, we will share the outcome with you.

**Maths Activities:**

**Continuous learning that you can do at home:**

Continue to encourage your child to count forwards and backwards in ones up to 20. Ask your child to add together 2 sets of objects such as 2 apples and 3 bananas. Encourage your child to order and recognise numbers up to 20. Encourage your child to write numbers to 20. Ask your child to create their own repeating patterns using items from around your home e.g. fruit, clothing, toys etc

**Focus of the week:**

This week we will be continuing on developing our knowledge of 6,7,8,9,10 and the composition of these numbers.

**English Activities:**

**Phonics Focus:**

The children are now grouped across mixed class groups within Early Years. They will be learning Orange and Pink Phase at varying paces.

Ask your child which adult they have for this and don't forget to check their book bag for phonics booklets to see what they have been up to.

**Focus of the week:**

This week in writing we will be reading the traditional tale 'Goldilocks and the three bears'. We will be looking at 'mini moments' whereby the children will be innovating the story.

**Oxford Owl:**

Oxford Owl have a range of eBooks that you can read online for free. These books are consistent with the texts we read in school. Click the link to sign up for free. [Free eBook library | Oxford Owl from Oxford University Press](#)

**Home Learning:**

Thank you for your comments in the reading journals, we really appreciate it. It is recommended that the children read it at least 3 times to be able to practice all the relevant skills!

Article 31 is about your right to relax and play. We hope you have a lovely weekend!



Thank you for your continued support,  
The EYFS Team

