

Oracy October 2026 is a month-long, nationwide celebration of oracy (**speaking, listening, and communication skills**) in the UK, organized by Voice 21. This is a high-quality oracy education programme which builds a sense of belonging, strengthening disciplinary knowledge across the curriculum, as well as creating a rich school environment that is inclusive for all.

Diwali Celebrations

Happy Diwali! Diwali falls on 8th November, marking the triumph of light over darkness and symbolizing prosperity and good fortune. May your celebrations be filled with joy, light, and love, bringing an abundance of happiness, peace, and success to your life.



Yeading

Infant & Nursery School

Year 1 Weekly Newsletter

16th October 2026

Please visit us on our website:
www.yeadinginf.co.uk
and Instagram account
https://instagram.com/yeading_infants
You will find all school information,
updates, term dates and up & coming events

Good attendance = Success, Friendships, Confidence & Bright Futures!

5/10/26 - 9/10/26 = **95.8%**

Group	% Attend
Tigger	92.7
Owl	91.1
Rabbit	97.6
Roo	**97.9**
Ruby	93.8
Amethyst	95
Topaz	94.5
Amber	95.6
Diamond	95.6
Sapphire	98.7
Pearl	98.5
Emerald	99.3

Well Done !
Rabbit & Roo

Fantastic attendance, Keep it up.

Literacy

This week we have been focusing on writing different types instructions and their features.

Next week we will continue on writing instructions- recipes / puzzles

Keywords: Title – Labels – Instructions – Headings – Subheadings – Sequencing First – Next – After- Then- Finally – Bossy verbs-bullet points.



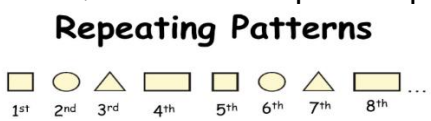
Home learning– Presentation/expectations

Please practise applying cursive handwriting along with the size and formation with your child. We will be looking at using capital letters at the start of each sentence and full stops at the end.
Spellings: Please help your child with their weekly spellings for the coming weeks ahead. These have been put in your child's reading record. Spellings will be taking place throughout the week and results will be communicated in your child's reading record book weekly

Maths

This week we have been looking at Positional Language.
Key words- On, Between, Under, Above, Below, In, Next, to, Behind
Next week we will be assessing children on all the topics we have been learning this term.

Home learning – Please practise both repeated patterns and **ensure your child is confident with their numbers to 20. Please practice repeating patterns at home for eg.**



Science: weather and Seasons
Foundation Subjects
Music- Pulse, pitch & rhythm
History – Black History
Black History Month will be celebrated from the **1st-31st October 2026.**
The theme is infused with African, Caribbean, and Black American lived experiences.

R.E. – Islam
PSHE – Mental Health
Art/DT – Charcoal shading
Computing- Digital Technology
PE- Ruby, Amethyst, Topaz and Amber - Every Wednesday
Additional sessions will take place on Thursday for all Year 1 classes.

NSPCC Kindness week 12th-16th October
This week we celebrated kindness across the school each child made a heart and discussed how they showed kindness to others. Thank you to all the parents for the contributions.

Odd Socks Day-16th November
Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

Cooking Money
A gentle reminder to all parents to please hand in your £1.00 cooking money.

Homework
Homework is given out on a Friday and to be returned to the to the teacher on the following Wednesday.



Question of the week

What book should everyone read at school and why?

Word of the week

Inconspicuous

Write a sentence explaining the meaning of our word of the week.

USEFUL WEBSITES
Phonics screening papers
https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/2012-2013-2014-2015-2016-2017-2018-2019-past-phonics-screening-papers-6453073
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
Phonics play - www.phonicsplay.co.uk

- Top Marks - https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds
- **Reminder:**
  Dear Parents a reminder that we finish for half term on Friday 23rd October at normal school time 3:10pm.

Have a good weekend! **Year 1 Team** ☺