



## Nursery Parent Information for the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

This week the children who are going up to Reception had their transition day and got to meet their new Reception class teachers and classrooms for September. They all had lots of fun and I was very proud of them all and how they settled into their classes so brilliantly engaging with all of the activities in the classrooms.

The children also had fun enjoying listening to the Tiny Turtle book and singing turtle themed songs.

**The Nursery staff ask that if any Nursery toys find their way home by accident in pockets could you please return them to the Nursery as resources are expensive. Also, could we please ask that children do not bring in their own toys from home in case these get broken or lost.**

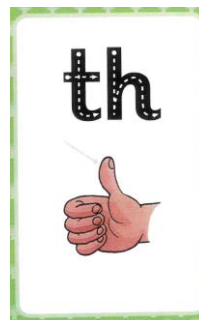
### School Uniform and bags

- We are now in the summer term so summer uniform can be worn. Please see details of the uniform on the website. The school dress is for girls is checked pink with white socks. The boys wear a maroon polo shirt and grey shorts.
- It has been rather hot with week please remember to put sun cream on your child before they come to school and provide them with a suitable sun hat for when we are playing and learning outside.
- If you have not done so already, please send your child in with a pair of clearly labelled wellies.
- Please label your child's uniform. please may we also ask that children wear school shoes, not trainers.
- Please provide a bag of spare clothes, as sometime children may need to change, due to a toileting accident/ engaging in messy/water play throughout the day.
- Please send your child to school with their reading books in their maroon book bag every day. They take home letters and any crafts they have done in their book bags too.
- Remember to send your child with a labelled water bottle every day.

### Phonics



This half term we will continue to look at phase 1 elements of phonics in addition to continuing to learn our next first few phonics sounds.



This week we will be recapping the sounds we learnt last half term through different phonic and fine motor opportunities in the class room activities and playing phase 1 sound games.

We will also be learning the new sound 'th' as in thumb.

Please remember to read with your child and sign their reading record book each time. Please read the book with your child multiple times over the week. You can split the book over several sittings. Discussing 3 pages each night for example.

Please bring the reading record and book in daily in the maroon book bag. Children's books will be changed on **Thursdays/Fridays**

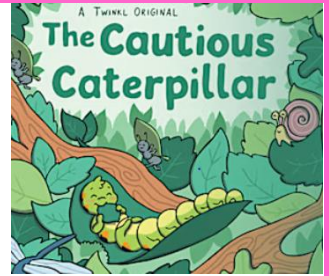
The lilac books are wordless to build up spoken vocabulary and storytelling language. Discuss the pictures in the book and allow them to make up the story from what they can see encouraging the use of full sentences. There are also comprehension questions at the backs of the books which will give you an idea of some of the questions you can ask your child when reading with them.

**Books will be collected back in next week ready for the summer holidays. There is a great summer reading challenge in the local library's beginning so this is an excellent time to visit your local library. Information about this can be seen at the end of this parent planning.**

### Literacy



In Literacy we will be looking at books about transition and change including the cautious caterpillar. The children will be thinking about what they are proud of from this year and what they want to learn next academic year.



**At home talk about what makes your child special. What are they really good at? Football, drawing etc**

### Maths



In maths we will be recapping all of the children's favourite topics from the year including patterns and numberblocks counting.

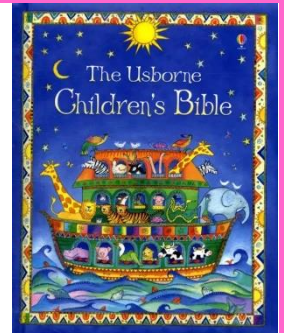


**At home practise writing numbers: how are they formed?**

### RE



In RE this week we will be doing a final year reflection. Thinking back over what they have learnt in our religious education lessons and what their favourite stories from the Bible were.



### Topic

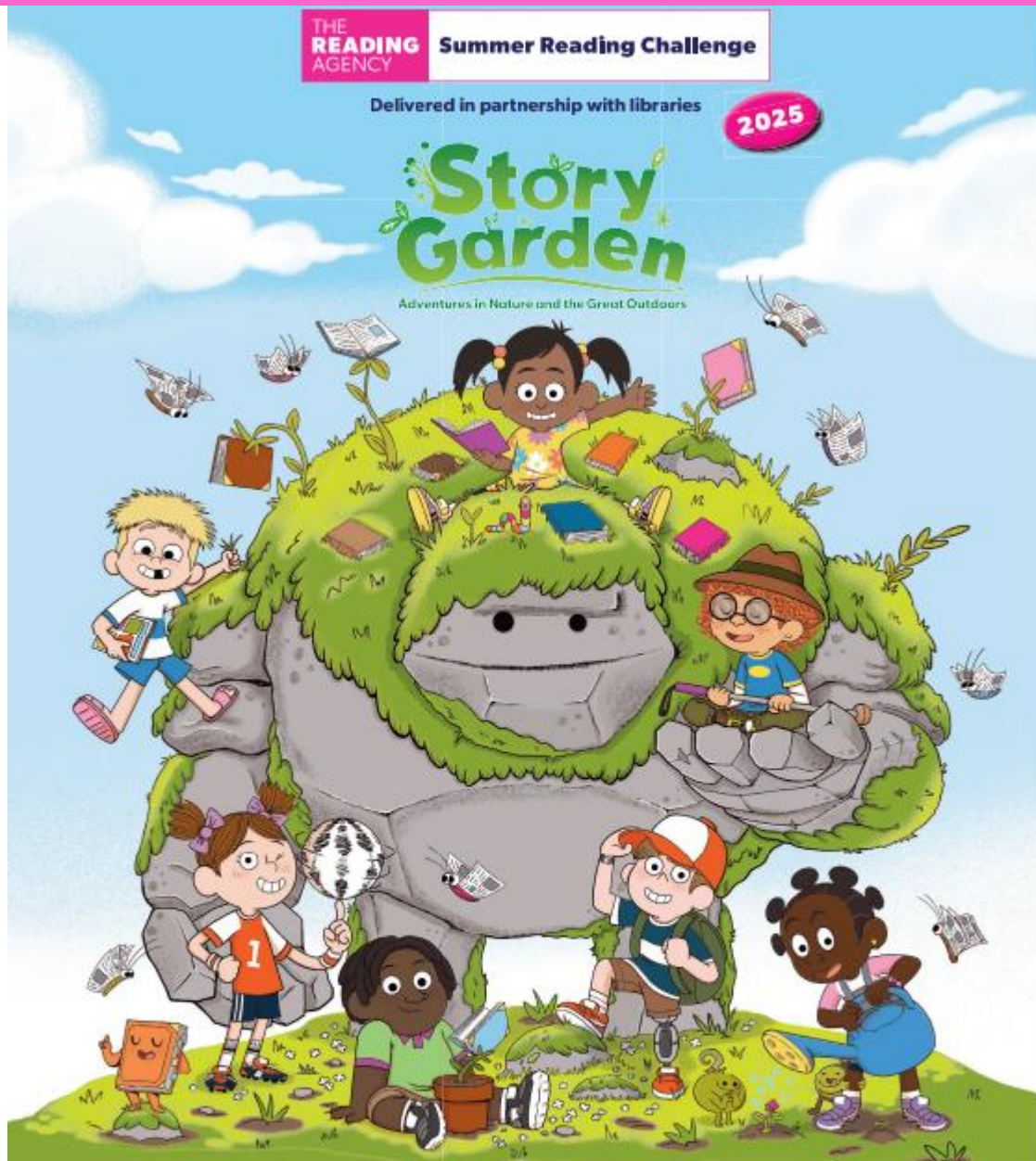


These last days we have in Nursery this term we will be focusing on transitions and getting ready for September. We will be celebrating our learning this year and how far we have all come and how much we have learnt.

We will endeavour to answer any questions at pick up times throughout the Nursery day but it can be quite rushed as we have so many children and parents. Please use the following email to contact your class teacher if you have any questions or queries: [nursery@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto:nursery@olopprimary.co.uk)

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes



[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

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# What is the SUMMER READING CHALLENGE?

The Summer Reading Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency in partnership with libraries, encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays - and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children can complete the challenge by enjoying six library books over the summer, collecting stickers as they progress. Those that finish will be awarded a certificate to mark their achievement and children age 4+ will receive a bonus activity card to continue their reading journey. The challenge presents reading as a fun and enjoyable activity and encourages children to become lifelong book lovers. The Challenge is inclusive to children of all abilities as they can choose any library books that appeal to them to complete it.

Signing up to the challenge is free and it runs from 1 July until 13 September so there's plenty of time to read your six books.



Children need to be a member of the library to take part. It's easy and free to join in person, or online at [www.slough.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.slough.gov.uk/libraries)

The official challenge website hosts digital rewards, author videos, games and more for children to enjoy all summer: [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

Children joining the Challenge will be able to access an exciting, free programme of themed activities celebrating the natural world and the joy of reading that will help develop confidence, expression and literacy skills in a fun and supportive way.

## Presenting this year's theme: Story Garden

This exciting new theme explores the magical connection between storytelling and nature and will inspire children's imagination to grow, confidence to blossom and creativity to flourish. Look out for books and activities where magical creatures, wild tales and the wonder of nature come to life.



# Free activities at **SLOUGH LIBRARIES**

## **FLOURISH! Creativity Hubs**

Running across all four Slough Libraries, children can let their ideas and imagination flourish at our creative hubs. Express yourself through words, sounds, pictures or movement. There will be materials and support for children to produce artworks of all kinds, including poetry, soundscapes and visual art.

Explore our Story Garden theme at different levels: the underground world, the garden at ground level and up in the sky.

At the end of the Summer Reading Challenge, there will be the chance to showcase your work at our celebration event.

Drop-in event.  
Recommended age 4+







## The Curve

### Summer Reading Challenge launch

Tuesday 1 July

Be one of the first to sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge. Plus, enjoy games on the go, 5-6pm - learn how to make and play some simple games that you can enjoy anywhere this summer.

### LEGO® drop in

Every Tuesday, 4-5pm

Minimum age 5 years.

Get building with our big boxes of bricks. Let the Story Garden theme inspire you. *No session on 29 July as we are hosting Build the Change (see below).*

### Petal Power

Friday 25 July, 11am-12noon

Recommended age 4+.

Using the technique of flower pressing, we will preserve the natural beauty of plants to design a unique bookmark. Booking essential via Eventbrite or at the library.

### LEGO® Build the Change

Tuesday 29 July, 10am-12noon and 1.30-3.30pm. Minimum age 5 years.

Build the world that you would like to see from our huge selection of bricks. This year we're encouraging children to highlight the importance of nature and green spaces. Booking essential via Eventbrite.



### Flourish Creative Hub

Saturday 2 August, 2-4pm

Tuesday 19 August, 10.30am-12.30pm

Thursday 28 August, 2-4pm

### Story Garden Exhibition

Monday 1 September to

Saturday 13 September

Come and admire artwork created by children during the Summer Reading Challenge.

### Story Garden celebration event

Saturday 13 September, 2.15pm

arrival and view the exhibition

2.30pm celebration begins

We're celebrating the end of the Challenge with the chance for children to showcase what they have created at the library Flourish hubs during the summer. They can read a poem or story, show off their artwork or play soundscapes or music. Places must be booked for children wishing to take part, and they must have participated in the Summer Reading Challenge at Slough Libraries. Bookings via Eventbrite or at the library.



# Cippenham Library

## Summer Reading Challenge launch

Tuesday 1 July

Be one of the first to sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge. Plus, enjoy Games on the go 3.30-4.30pm - learn how to make and play some simple games that you can enjoy anywhere this summer.

## Flourish Creative Hub

Thursday 24 July, 2-4pm

## Fairy garden

Thursday 31 July, 1-2.30pm OR 3-4.30pm

Design a tiny fairy garden that will be the setting for your own magical tale. An inspiring creative writing session for children aged 7+. Booking essential via Eventbrite or at the library.

## Flourish Creative Hub

Thursday 14 August, 2-4pm

## Tales from the Story Chair

Wednesday 27 August, 10.30-11am

Saturday 6 September, 10.30-11am

Recommended age 3+

Gather round the story chair and enjoy some stories in the open air!



## Super sign up Saturday

5 July at The Curve and Cippenham Library.

We'll be offering double stickers for children joining or progressing the Challenge on this day.







# Langley Library

## Summer Reading Challenge launch

Tuesday 1 July

Be one of the first to sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge. Plus, enjoy Games on the go 3.30-4.30pm - learn how to make and play some simple games that you can enjoy anywhere this summer.

## Flourish Creative Hub

Friday 8 August, 10.30am-12.30pm

## Nature through the Senses

Wednesday 20 August, 2-3pm

We'll explore garden life through sight, sound and smell. Recommended age 5+

## Flourish Creative Hub

Friday 22 August, 1.30-3.30pm







# Britwell Library

## Summer Reading Challenge launch

Tuesday 1 July

Be one of the first to sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge. Plus, enjoy Games on the go 3.30-4.30pm - learn how to make and play some simple games that you can enjoy anywhere this summer.

## Sow and Grow

Thursday 7 August, 10.30am-12noon

Minimum age 3 years.

Plant some seeds and look out for the green shoots of growth over the summer. Learn about what plants need to thrive.



## Teddy Bears' Picnic

Monday 11 August, 10.30-11.15am

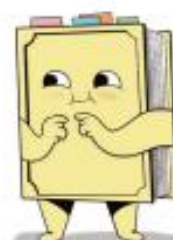
Bring your own picnic and a cuddly toy to snuggle up to as we share songs and stories in the Britwell Library garden.

## Flourish Creative Hub

Monday 11 August, 2-4pm



**Event bookings:**  
[sloughlibraries.eventbrite.com](http://sloughlibraries.eventbrite.com)





## Continue your **READING ADVENTURES** at home

You can borrow up to 30 books with your library card and your library membership also gives you access to thousands of eBooks and eAudiobooks with Borrowbox through your browser or app. You can browse titles on the digital bookshelves, so books are still within your reach, even when the libraries are closed. Ask staff for details.

Parents/carers should stay at the library to supervise their child during the activity. Please note the age guidance.



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