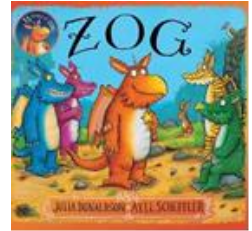


Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026

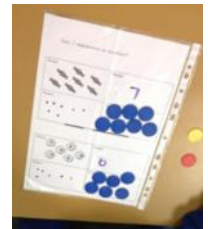
Dear Parent / Carer,

In English lessons this week, we have been focusing on letter formation. We have practised forming lower-case letters from the correct starting and finishing point and we have written short captions containing these letters. We have continued to discuss the story 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson. We have discussed the meaning of the following tier two words: gripping, wildly, fearsome, expert, crowded, triumph, soared, roared, and we have put these into context within the Zog story.



During Phonics lessons, we have been recapping the Phase 3 phonemes. Our tricky words for the week have been: what, when, he, she, we, be, me, have and love. These are the words the children need to be able to sight read. An overview of the phonics taught this week is attached to your child's Home Learning Folder.

In Maths, we have been finding different ways to represent a number through counters, objects, jottings and written digits. Next week, we will be finding one more and one less than a number and showing this in lots of different ways.



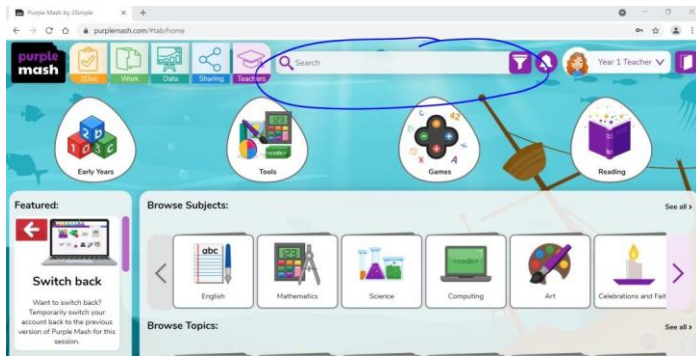
In Geography we have been looking at different types of maps such as street maps, bus routes and world maps and have been comparing the similarities and differences. We have used directional language to help us create our own 'messy map' of our classroom. Next week, we will be exploring the different features of the school grounds.

As part of the Home Learning, your child will be set weekly activities on Purple Mash. Your child's Purple Mash log-in details have been uploaded to your child's Seesaw account. This week, the Purple Mash challenge is to log into your account and send your class teacher an email about something you have got up to at the weekend. Please see the attached 'How to send an e-mail' guide to help you do this.

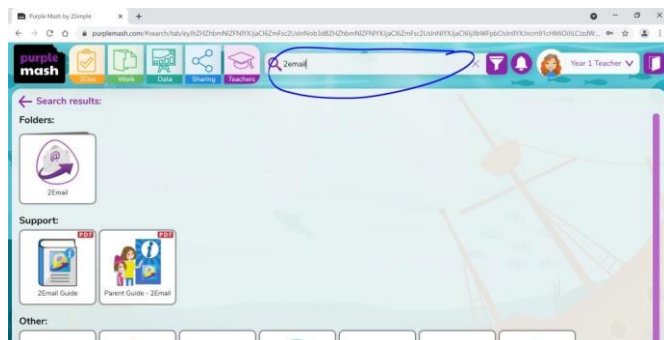
Many thanks,

Miss Nicholson and Miss Knight

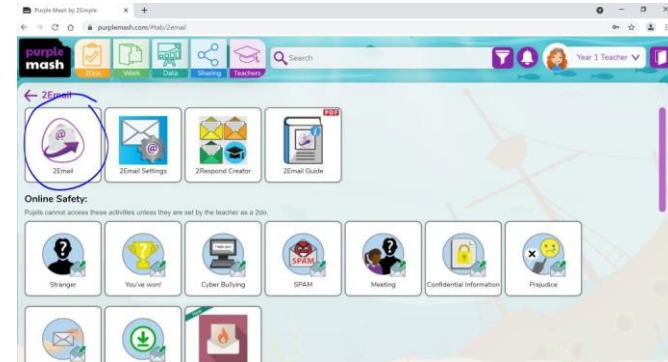
How to send your teacher an email using 2email on Purple Mash 1. Once you have signed in, click the search bar on the homepage as shown below:



2. Type '2email' and then click on the 2email icon:



3. Again, click on the 2email icon:



4. To compose a new email, click on "Write Email".



5. Follow these steps:

1. Type in the name of your teacher's email:
_____ **Year 1 teacher** _____
2. Let the teacher know what your email is about by typing in the 'subject' box. For example, you might type 'Homework' if it is about your homework.
3. Type a message to your teacher. Remember to use capital letters and full stops.
4. When you have finished your email, press send.

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