

Classwork Update

Dear Parents,

I hope you're doing well. Below is a summary of the written material we covered in class over the past three months.

Sep 9th, 2025 – Pronouns

What is a Pronoun?

A pronoun is a word we use instead of a name.

Examples:

- Sarah → **She** is my friend.
- Reem and Omar → **They** are playing.

Pronouns by Person

1st person – I, we (talking about yourself)

2nd person – You (talking to someone)

3rd person – He, she, it, they (talking about someone else)

Sep 11th, 2025 - How to write a simple sentence

****Note:** The following was not written in the notebook. It will be printed and attached to their notebooks. ******

What is a Simple Sentence?

A simple sentence has one subject (who/what the sentence is about) and one verb.

Examples:

1. The cat sleeps.
2. My brother plays football.
3. We eat apples.

How to build a simple sentence:

1. Start with a subject (person, place, animal, thing, pronoun).
2. Add a verb.
3. Add an object or extra information (optional). Tips:
 - A simple sentence has one idea only
 - Start with a capital letter, end with a full stop
 - No joining words (and, but, because..)

Sep 13th, 2025 - Past Tense (Regular)

Past Tense

We use the past tense to talk about something that already happened (yesterday, last night, last week, last ...)

Examples:

- I played football yesterday.

Rules for the past tense :

1- Regular verbs (Add ed)

1. Add -ed to most verbs play → played
2. Ends in e (add -)
d) like → liked
3. Ends in consonant + y (y → ied) cry → cried
4. Verb ends with vowel + consonant (double the last letter + ed) stop → stopped

Sep 15th, 2025 – Past Tense (Irregular)

2- Irregular verbs (change form - no rule)

go → went

eat → ate

run → ran

put → put

have → had

see→saw
come → came
do→did
write→wrote
get→ got
take→took
make→made
say→said
drink→drank
buy→bought
find→found
give→gave
read→read
think → thought
sleep → slept

Sep 16th, 2025 - Reading Comprehension P.17 and 18.

- a- Mum wants the boys to join the library.
- b- The boys went to art classes that ended when Marty became ill.
- c- The library is Dad's idea.
- d- Will's stomach is churning because he's terrified of going to the library.
- e- Because it's educational.
- f- Spud Murphy is the librarian.

Sep 18th, 2025 – How to write a compound sentence.

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What is a Compound Sentence?

A compound sentence has two simple sentences (two ideas).

They are joined by a coordinating conjunction (and, but, or, so, for, nor, yet).

Examples:

1. I like pizza, **and** my brother likes pasta.
2. She was tired, **but** she finished her homework.
3. We can go to the park, **or** we can stay home.

How to build a compound sentence:

1. Start with a simple sentence (subject + verb + object).
2. Add a conjunction (and, but, or, so, for, nor, yet).
3. Write another simple sentence after the conjunction.

Tips:

- A compound sentence has two complete ideas.
- Each idea must have its own subject and verb.
- Use a comma before the conjunction if the sentences are long.
- Joining words (and, but, or, so, etc.) are necessary.

Sep 23rd, 2025 – Adjectives and nouns.

Adjectives and Nouns

1- Noun = a person, place, thing, or animal.

Examples: girl, school, book, cat, table, teacher.

2- Adjective = a word that describes a noun.

Examples: big, red, sad, beautiful, kind, hot, funny, new.

*In English, the adjective comes before the noun.

a green apple.
a happy boy.
a small cat.
a cold drink.

Sep 27th, 2025 – Story Elements.

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Sep 29th, 2025 – Punctuation Marks.

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Sep 29th, 2025 – Adverbs.

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Sep 30th, 2025 – Question 2: (section a) / Question 3: (section c).

Question 2, section a:

- The scene is set as winter.
- The village and villagers are described.
- Amah is introduced and why people visit her.
- Pinmei realises winter has been long this year.
- Pinmei teases her grandmother.
- Clues about Pinmei's character are given.

Question 3, section c:

Cut through sharply : Pierced

Moved in a rush way: Scurry

Mock gently: Taunt

Destroyed: Shattered

Took hold roughly: Grabbed

Froze: Chilled

Smiled widely: grinned

Get stuck in: Freeze

Oct 2nd, 2025 – How to write a story beginning.

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****Note: In “When the Sea Turned to Silver” we focused on the following vocabulary words:**

Shrieking: Loud noise.

Impish: Playful in a naughty way.

Taunt: Tease, annoy someone.

Tortoise: A large land-dwelling turtle.

Swallow: Small bird comes in spring.

Shiver: When your body shakes because you are cold.

Oct 13th, 2025 – Prepositions of place and time.

Prepositions of time: We use prepositions of time to say when something happens.

Examples:

- I wake up **at** 6 o'clock everyday.
- We have English class **on** Monday. • My birthday is **in** January.

Prepositions of place We use prepositions of place to say where something is.

Examples:

- The car is **in front of** the house.
- The dog is **behind** the gate.
- The lamp is **above** the table.

****Note: Extra slides related to this topic have been uploaded on LMS.**

Oct 14th, 2025 – Writing and Grammar (Reading Comprehension) P.9 and 10

**** A book blurb is a short paragraph that gives a quick idea about the story. It tells what the story is about.****

Question A- Page 9

- 1- She loves basket ball.
- 2- Because she is in a wheel chair.
- 3- She is the coach
- 4- Every Saturday, she plays board games.
- 5- He tells her, he always has a plan. 6- She tells Miss Garcia and the team.

Question A- Page 10

Sentence 1: The basketball team always loses.

Sentence 2: They have no plan. Sentence

3: Leila has an idea.

Oct 18th, 2025 – Mind map

What is a Mind Map?

A mind map is a picture that organizes information to help us understand, remember and connect ideas.

How to make a Mind Map?

Step1: Write the topic in the center. (Use

1-2 words in the biggest circle) Step 2:

Draw the first branches. (Subtopics- circle

and label each one) Step 3: Add smaller

branches.

(Write related details)

**** Note: The mind map related has been uploaded on LMS. A printed copy was also given to learners at school.**

Oct 20th, 2025 – Phonics

Today's sound IGH

Examples: light, night, high, bright, sight, tight, flight.

- 1- The car jumped over my thigh.
- 2- The loud sound gave me a fright. 3- I have only a slight idea.

Other spellings for the same sound:

i-e (kite, time, smile)

y (sky, cry, fly, dry)

ie (pie, tie, lie)

Oct 21st, 2025 – Writing and Grammar p. 10 and 11

Question A- Page 10

Present tense

- 1- Leila talks to her grandfather.
- 2- He gives her an idea.
- 3- She tells Miss Garcia about her plan.

Question A- Page 11

- 1- Does Leila like watching basketball?
- 2- Is Miss Garcia the team coach?
- 3- Does Leila have a plan?

Oct 27th, 2025 – Exploring Earth page 42 and 43

****Note: answers are written in the book**

Question 1, section b

- Plumsed = asked

- Boogled = borrowed
- Splonchest = favourite
- Cabooshing = dangerous
- Gluppered = shared/ brought

Question 2, section c

- Handy = useful
- Unique = special
- Classified = organized
- Adapt = adjust/ change
- Extinct = gone

Oct 28th, 2025 – Future tense

****Note:** Extra slides related to this topic have been uploaded on LMS.

Future tense is used to talk about things that will happen in the future

Example:

- 1- I will travel to Italy next summer.
- 2- They won't eat junk food anymore.
- 3- Will you come to my birthday party?

Nov 3rd, 2025 – Alphabetical order page 58

****Note :** Please check page 58 in your book for the rules.

Question 1, section b

- Shark, sardine, swordfish, seal
Sardine, seal, shark, swordfish
- Beetle, bee, beehive, beech
Bee, beech, beehive, beetle
- Desert, dessert, design, deer
Deer, desert, design, dessert

Nov 4th, 2025 – Fact or opinion page 61 and 62

Facts: can be proved to be real using evidence.

Example: Bees make honey.

Opinion: someone's personal feeling about something.

Example: summer is the best season.

Question 1, section b

(Opinion, Fact, Fact, Opinion, Opinion, Fact, Opinion, Fact, Fact, Opinion)

****Note: answers are written in the book**

Nov 8th, 2025 — Reading Comprehension (Questions page 46 and 47)

****Note: Please check page 45 to identify the differences.**

Question 1, section a

Environments: Keyword

Life in the desert: Phrase

Extinct, endangered: Keywords

Diversity of life: Phrase

Characteristics: Keyword

Questions 1, section c

- All birds have feathers, wings and a beak.
- A tortoise has a shell on its back for protection.
- Reptiles are cold-blooded animals.
- The Pacific ocean is the biggest ocean.

****Note: answers are highlighted in the book.**

Question 2, section a

- The earth's crust is shaped by volcanoes and earthquakes.
- Life of earth is diverse.
- Wild animals live in their natural environments.
- Animals adapt to their environments.
- Endangered can become extinct.

****Note: answers are written in the book.**

Nov 10th, 2025 — Types of sentences page 69

There are three types of sentences:

1- Statement: tells something.

Example:

I have a blue pencil.

2- Question: asks something.

Example:

Where is my cat?

3- Command: tells someone to do something

Example:

Close the window. (Normal command)

Close the window! (Strong command)

** Exclamation mark can also show strong feelings.

Example:

How amazing!

Nov 15th – 17th, 2025 — Features of a poem.

****Note: Slides related to this topic have been uploaded on LMS.**

Nov 18th, 2025 — Prefixes and Suffixes page 59 and 60.

A prefix is a group of letters added at the beginning of a word to change its meaning.

- Re (again) : remake, rewrite, reread.
- Un (not/ opposite of) : unhappy, unlock.
- Dis (not/opposite of): disconnect, dislike, disappear

A suffix is a group of letters added at the end of a word to change its meaning.

- Er (a person who does something): runner, teacher, leader.
- Ing (happening now): eating, sleeping.

- Ed (happened in the past): jumped, cleaned.
- Ly (in a certain way): bravely, nicely.
- Ful (full of): beautiful, helpful.
- Less (without): endless, hopeless, careless.

Nov 22, 2025 – What is blue? Page 88

Author: Mary O'Neill

Lines: 33

Metaphor : line 5, blue is the quiet sea

Line 9, blue is the scarf

Line 11, blue is twilight

Line 15, blue is a heron

Line 27, cold is blue

Rhyme: (shoulder, older) (sea, agree) (blooms, rooms)

Alliteration: line 31, blistering blue

Onomatopoeia: line 30, screaming

Dec 24th, 2025 – What is blue? Page 89

Question 1:

- a- Sky, sea, eyes of some people, spring's scarf, twilight, shadows on snow, feeling low, a heron, a sapphire ring, gentian, larkspur, forget-me-nots, wind, flax blooming, evening in lonely rooms, cold, welding torch flame, dawn.
- b- Blue is both cold and hot blistering flame from a welding torch
- c- Six

Nov 29th, 2025 – How to write a poem

****Note: Slides related to this topic have been uploaded on LMS.**

The sun

The sun in the sky is big and bright,
The sun in the sky gives warm, soft light.

The bright warm sun wakes up the day,
The bright warm sun chases night away.

Nov 25th, 2025 – Questions on page 93

Question 3:

- Wheel, she'll, steal
- Said, bed, bread
- Boar, store, floor

Question 5: (learners' own answers)

The grass is like soft hair

The road is like a long black ribbon

The mouse was as small as a pea

Nov 25th, 2025 – Grammar and Writing book page 20/21/30/31 (learners' own answers)

Physical appearance

She is tall/ short

She is thin/ overweight

She has (colour) hair

She has straight/ curly hair

She has long/short hair

She has (colour) eyes

She has large/small eyes

Personality

She is kind-hearted/ cruel

She is rude/ polite

She is helpful/selfish

She is shy/bossy

She is happy/miserable

Dec 2nd, 2025 – Grammar and Writing book page 34

Adjectives

the night : (dark, quiet, calm, peaceful, silent, glowing, dark, crescent-shaped, silver, sparkling)

daylight : (bright, clear, warm, sunny, golden, hot, blue, yellow)

Rhyme

Light : (flight, bright, night, kite, sight, white, fight, flight..)

Sky (eye, my, buy, lie, dry, try, lie, pie..)

Dec 2nd, 2025 – apostrophes to show possession and for contraction

****Note: Slides related to this topic have been uploaded on LMS.**

****Note: In “What is blue?” we focused on the following vocabulary words:**

Twilight: the time just before it comes completely dark in the evening.

Gentian, larkspur: blue flowering plants.

Forget-me- nots, flax: plants with blue flowers.

Welding torch: a tool to join pieces of metal together by heating them.

Blistering: extremely hot.

****Note: In “Harry’s Mad” we focused on the following vocabulary words:**

Foreigner: someone from another country.

Scaly: covered in scales.

Coincidence: a situation in which two similar things happen at the same time.

Embarrassment: the feeling of being embarrassed (shy).

Hoarse: when your voice sounds rough when you speak.

Professor of linguistics: someone who studies language.

Lots of love,
Teacher Sarah