



Chater Infant School

September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Online learning and access information

We are able to provide our children with access to plenty of online platforms to support their learning at home.

We use Microsoft Teams to keep you and your child up to date with Homework, day to day information and important notices and reminders. In the event that we have to revert back to home learning we will be using Microsoft Teams for online learning.

We provide access to Purple Mash which is a cloud-based platform for primary-aged children. It contains a wide range of age-appropriate, creative software tools for writing, drawing, coding, animating, blogging and much more. Purple Mash contains digital tools for writing, drawing, painting and activities across the curriculum.

We provide access to Discovery Education Espresso which is an online cross-curricular service that provides video-rich resources to schools throughout the UK. It contains thousands of videos and multimedia activities, as well as a weekly news service.

Espresso and Purple Mash are both used in class so the children will be familiar with the programmes.

There is also access to the Oxford Owl eLibrary where you can access levelled reading books.

Please take the time to read all the information below which tells you how to log in to the various pieces of software and any user names and passwords that you will need.

Each class has a class email so that you can easily communicate with the class teacher. Please make sure that you only use this for school business which does not require an immediate response.

Nursery:	blackbird@chaterinfants.herts.sch.uk
Swan Class:	swan@chaterinfants.herts.sch.uk
Puffin Class:	puffin@chaterinfants.herts.sch.uk
Heron Class:	heron@chaterinfants.herts.sch.uk
Woodpecker Class:	woodpecker@chaterinfants.herts.sch.uk
Kingfisher Class:	kingfisher@chaterinfants.herts.sch.uk
Owl Class:	owl@chaterinfants.herts.sch.uk

A copy of this information sheet is on the school website under each year group page.



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To access Microsoft Teams

You can access Teams via an internet browser using the following link

<https://teams.microsoft.com/>

For the most convenient & accessible solution we recommend downloading the app.

- If you have an Android or IOS smartphone/tablet, download the free app to your device from the relevant app store – just search for Microsoft Teams.
- On a PC or Mac you can download the desktop app from the following URL

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app>

After installing/opening the software you will need to enter an e-mail and password. The email is your child's first name, the initial letter of their surname @chaterinfants.herts.sch.uk. EG. FredS@chaterinfants.herts.sch.uk.

Email:

Password: Watford2020

Once you have entered these details, you will be able to login and see your child's Class 'Team.' Within this 'Team' you will see a channel entitled 'General' and other channels displaying days of the week

In the 'General' channel your teacher will post any general messages and weekly activities will pop up in here.

Please explain to your child/children that the discussion board is not a chat facility and must not be used to talk with their friends. It is purely for work based discussion and questions with the teacher.

There is also a 'Quickstart' guide available for you to use which will help you get started once you have access.

<https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=2131456>

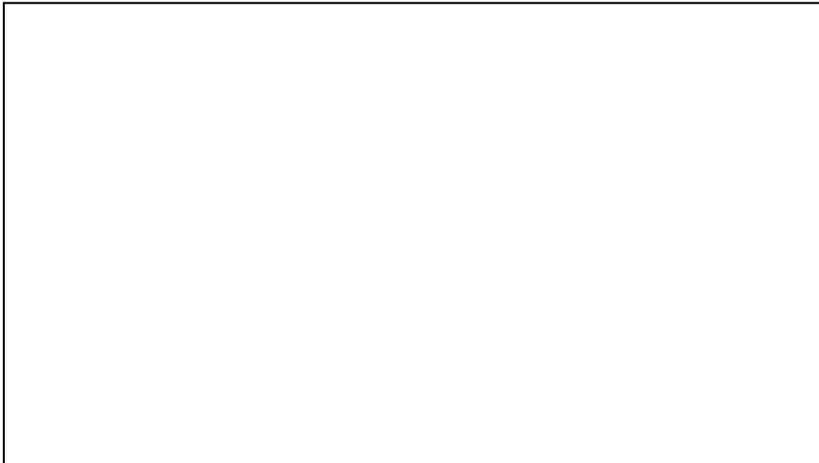
To access Purple Mash

The school has an annual licence for Purple Mash which is “an online creative space especially for learners aged 3-11.” It is designed to support and enhance every child's daily learning experiences. There are numerous creative tools, curriculum-focused activities and programs for children to explore which will support and inspire creative learning both at school and at home. We will use the site many times during your child's time in school.

Your child has been given a Username and Password to access their Purple Mash account from home and a copy is below. Each child has their own personal login, which is unique to them and will enable them to access the different activities Purple Mash has to offer.

You can access the Purple Mash website using the following address:
<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/chater-infant>

Here is your child's username and password



Log in by adding your child's username and their password.

To access Discovery Education Espresso

We use Espresso in school to help motivate, engage and support learning in the classroom. Now your child can continue to enjoy what they have been doing at school, and you can be involved in their learning at home.

About Discovery Education Espresso

Espresso is an online cross-curricular service that provides video-rich resources to schools throughout the UK. It contains thousands of videos and multimedia activities, as well as a weekly news service — all designed by teaching professionals. For more information, please visit: www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/espresso

Your Home Access includes a *Home learning* area and *Parents' guide* with information to help you use the service with your child.

How to access Discovery Education Espresso from home

To access Espresso from home you will need a PC or Apple Mac and a connection to the internet. You can then go to <http://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/> click the 'Login' button in the top right corner, select 'Discovery Education Espresso' and enter the details below.



If you have any trouble logging in or accessing the service from home, please contact the school office.

Getting started



Before you start using the service, we recommend you read the *Parents' guide*. This explains what Discovery Education Espresso is, how to use it and how to support your child with their learning. To find the guide, select one of the *Home learning* icons (from the appropriate key stage) on the left-hand side of the home page. The *Parents' guide* button is located in the top left-hand corner of the following page.

Your child should already be familiar with Espresso. They could show you how they have been using it in class and how to find resources. Once you are familiar with the service, you and your child may like to explore Espresso's modules or the *Home learning* area. Specifically designed for home use, it includes easy-to-follow Learning paths and specific curriculum objectives.

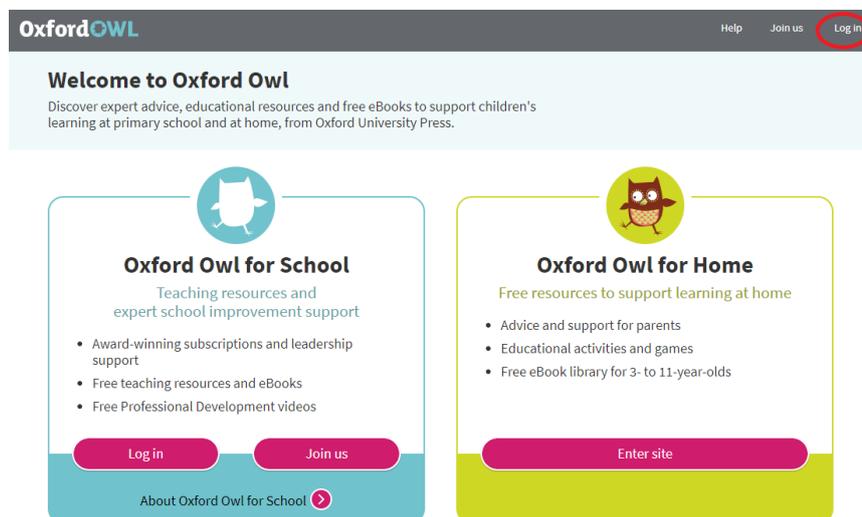
How to access Oxford Owl eLibrary

Access to Levelled Reading Books and letting your child's teacher know which books your child has read

The Oxford Owl eBook Library contains a wide selection of books from across Oxford's most popular series. The books are carefully levelled and progress in reading difficulty from those appropriate for Reception right through to those suitable for Year 6.

How does my child access the eBook Library?

1. Go to www.oxfordowl.co.uk
2. Click on the 'Log in' link (top right) to open the login form.
3. Make sure the 'Students' tab is highlighted. Type in the class name and password as per the list below, and click 'Login'.



Do not use internet explorer  to access the eLibrary. It works best in google chrome or another search engine.

- Log in using:
Nursery Classes: Chater Blackbird
Swan Class: Chater Swan
Puffin Class: Chater Puffin
Heron Class: Chater Heron
Woodpecker Class: Chater Woodpecker
Kingfisher Class: Chater Kingfisher
Owl Class: Chater Owl

Password: Watford2020

4. Click on the tile for the Oxford Owl eBook Library.



Your eBooks and Activities



Oxford Owl eBook Library
My eBooks



Read Write Inc. eBook Library
My eBooks

Then click on the Oxford Owl eBook library and choose your book. The books are levelled and your child's class teacher can provide your child with their reading level or contact the school office.

Online Reading Record

So that you can record all the books that your child is reading at home we have created an online Reading Record. This record is also important so that your child's teacher can see which titles your child has read. Click on the link below which will take you to an online Reading Record. Please complete one form for each book that your child reads including eBooks and books that you have at home.

Record your child's reading at the Online Reading Record

Nursery Classes	https://forms.office.com/r/0F8XPcpi94
Swan Class	https://forms.office.com/r/ezSFPSZYWN
Puffin Class	https://forms.office.com/r/LS6jQRQqDV
Heron Class	https://forms.office.com/r/HFR4bgkv5b
Woodpecker Class	https://forms.office.com/r/AMPARThtsc
Kingfisher Class	https://forms.office.com/r/L8at7zd0pX
Owl Class	https://forms.office.com/r/J8nhDd54kH