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Steps to Navigating Westwood with Iford Blogs

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1. Blog Jargon

Blog: Short for “weblog”, a blog is a website that is like an online journal which is regularly updated. A blog is made up of a collection of posts. Each new post that is published moves to the top of the blog. Readers can comment on blog posts. Blogs often contain pages too.

Post: These are found on the home page of the blog and contain a title and text. Some posts also contain photos, images, videos, slideshows and links to other sites. Posts sometimes end with questions for readers. Readers are encouraged to comment on posts

Page: You can find pages at the top of the blog (on some other blogs, they might be on the side). Pages contain static information that doesn't change regularly such as information about the blog.

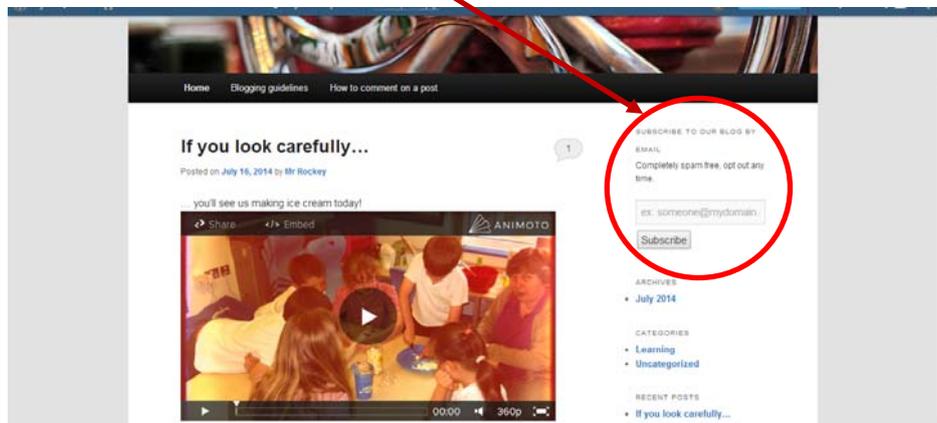
Comment: Comments make blogs come alive! They allow the blog to become an interactive space where people can connect, converse and offer their thoughts and opinions. The administrators of the blog (in our case Mr Rockey or the class teacher) moderate and screen all comments.

Category: When posts are written they are usually put into a category. This helps people find collections of posts on topics that interest them. On our blogs we have categories such as ‘literacy’, ‘maths’, ‘videos’ etc.

2. Subscribe

To save you from having to check back to any of our blogs all the time to see whether there is anything new on there, we have set up an email subscription service.

To subscribe, you simply need to enter your email address in the box on the right hand side of the blog. You will then get an email each time we post something new on the blog! You can click on the link in your email to visit the blog and leave a comment.



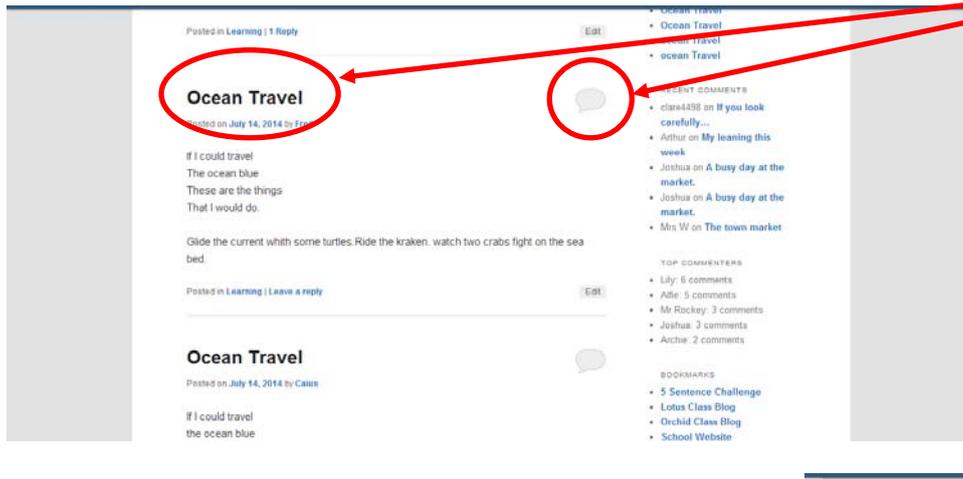
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3. Leave Comments

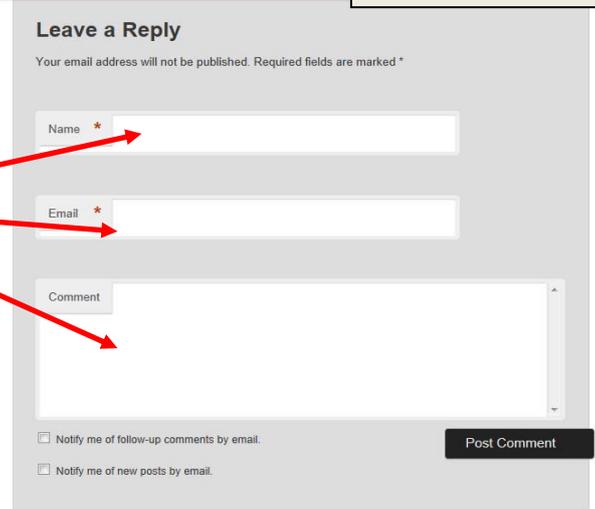
We **love** comments! Comments make our blog come alive and give the children a wider audience for their writing. It's easy to leave a comment on our blog. Parents are asked to please avoid using their surname so as to not identify their child. All comments are sent to Mr Rockey or the class teacher via email for approval prior to appearing on the blog.



The screenshot shows a blog post titled "Ocean Travel" posted on July 14, 2014. The post content includes a poem: "If I could travel / The ocean blue / These are the things / That I would do. / Glide the current with some turtles. Ride the kraken. watch two crabs fight on the sea bed." Below the post, there is a "Leave a Reply" section. A red circle highlights a speech bubble icon next to the post title. A red arrow points from this icon to a text box on the right.

1. Either click on the title of the post you wish to leave a comment on or click on the comment speech bubble or 'leave a reply/add comment' link next to that post

2. Scroll down until you find the "Leave a Reply" box. Enter your first name, email address and comment and press "Post Comment".



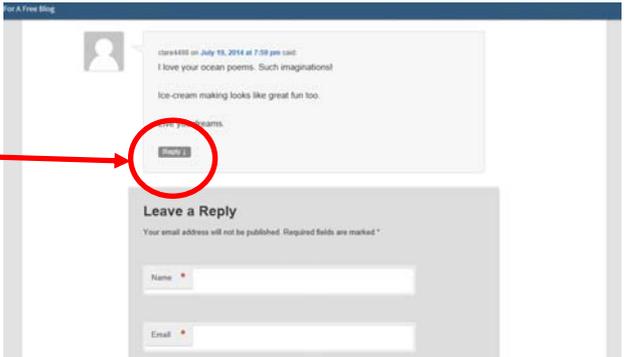
The "Leave a Reply" form contains the following fields and options:

- Name *
- Email *
- Comment
- Notify me of follow-up comments by email.
- Notify me of new posts by email.
- Post Comment

4. Reply to Comments

After each comment you will see a "reply" button. Press this button and then leave a comment as normal to reply.

Your response will appear right under the comment.



The screenshot shows a comment from user "clare4498" dated July 15, 2014 at 7:58 pm. The comment text is: "I love your ocean poems. Such imaginations! Ice-cream making looks like great fun too." Below the comment, there is a "Reply" button circled in red. A red arrow points from this button to the text box on the left.

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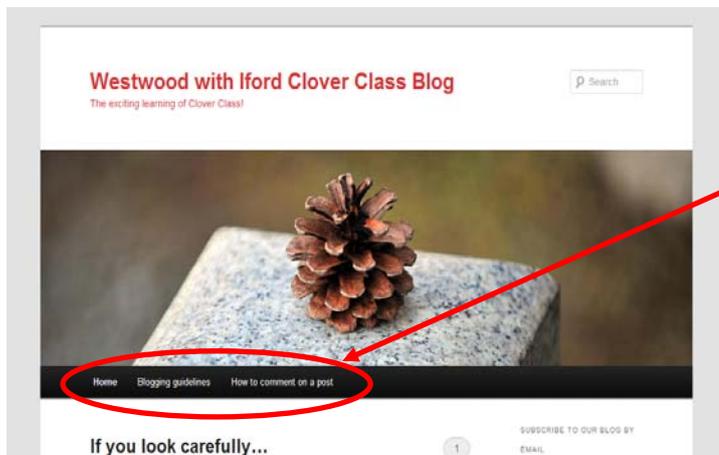
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We believe it is good blogging etiquette to reply to comments. This is a big job for the teachers to complete alone!

The support of our families and children to help us reply to comments is very much appreciated, so if you see a comment that hasn't been responded to, hit reply!

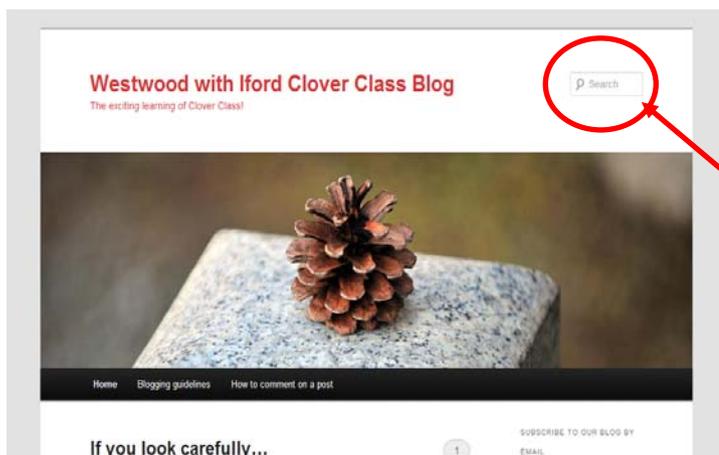
5. Pages



Don't forget to read all the information on the pages located at the top of the blog home page.

In time, there will be information about our classes, school and teachers, as well as useful websites, blogging guidelines, international links and more!

6. Search Box



As time goes on and more posts are published, older posts move down the home page of the blog. When you can no longer see older posts on the home page, they are still on the blog, you just need to search for them.

On the right hand side of the blog you will find a search box. This is an easy way to find posts from throughout the year. Just type the key words in the box and hit the "Search" button. You will find a list of blog posts that should include what you're looking for. Try searching for your child's name!

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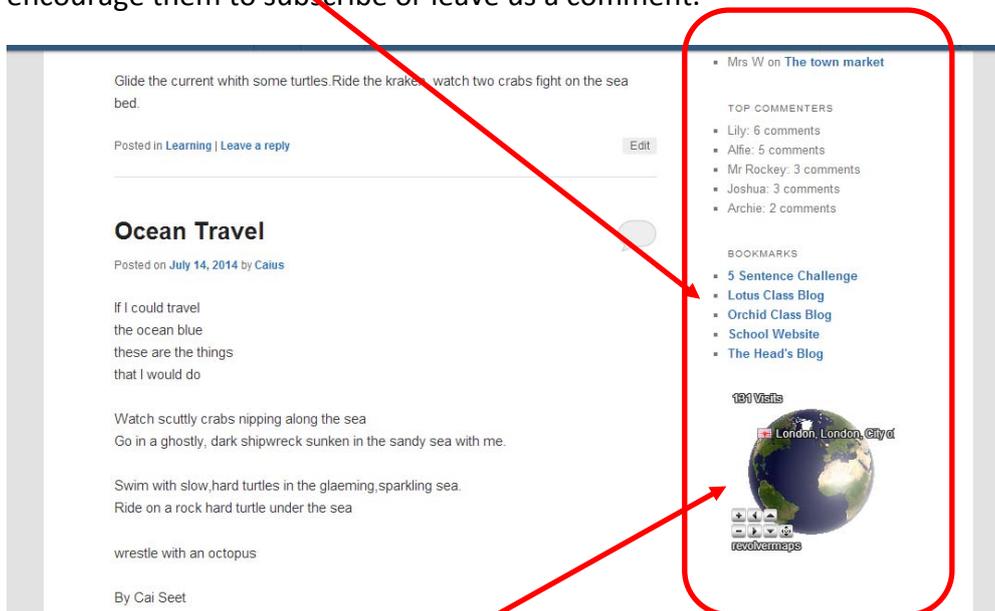
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7. Join the Community

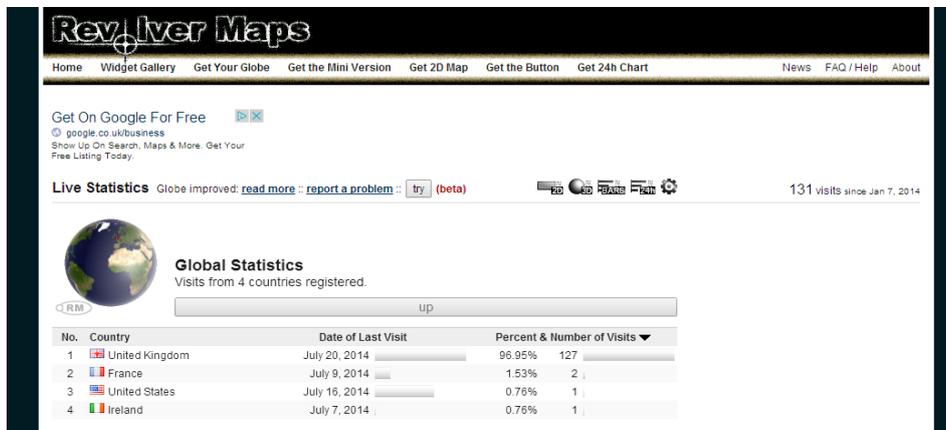
Blogging is all about being part of a community. Through Quadblogging, we will be developing blogging friends and international links from all around the globe.

You can find links to some of our class blogs on the right hand side of the blog under “Links” or “Bookmarks”.

It will be wonderful to have a large worldwide audience for our children to share all the fantastic things they are doing in the classroom with, on their blogs. Share our blog with your family and friends and encourage them to subscribe or leave us a comment.



We love looking at our Revolver map on the right hand side of our blog to find out where in the world our visitors are coming from!



Links to our Blogs

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[The Head's Blog](http://westwoodhead.schoolblogs.org) – westwoodhead.schoolblogs.org

[Well Done Blog](http://westwoodwelldone.schoolblogs.org) – westwoodwelldone.schoolblogs.org

[Thistle Class Blog](http://westwoodthistleclass.schoolblogs.org) – westwoodthistleclass.schoolblogs.org

[Clover Class Blog](http://westwoodcloverclass.schoolblogs.org) – westwoodcloverclass.schoolblogs.org

[Lotus Class Blog](http://westwoodlotusclass.schoolblogs.org) – westwoodlotusclass.schoolblogs.org

[Orchid Class Blog](http://westwoodorchidclass.schoolblogs.org) – westwoodorchidclass.schoolblogs.org

[ICT in the Community Blog](http://westwoodict.schoolblogs.org) – westwoodict.schoolblogs.org

[Westwood Writers Blog](http://westwoodwriters.schoolblogs.org) – westwoodwriters.schoolblogs.org