



Year R Newsletter



Friday 5th November 2025

Messages

We have had a busy week this week and Christmas has definitely arrived in Year R! Apart from our Nativity rehearsals, the children also went to see the school pantomime, *Sleeping Beauty*, on Tuesday and also had Present's Room today. We have been busy decorating our classrooms and writing Christmas lists for Father Christmas in our new North Pole role play area.

This week, we have read the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and talked about how plants grow and labelled the different parts of a beanstalk. On Friday, we planted beans to grow at home!

Notices:

- The children will perform our Nativity to the school on Monday. There is a performance after school at 4pm on Tuesday (children will stay at school until after the performance) and at 2pm on Wednesday.
- The children will be attending a Christingle service in school on Thursday next week and will be walking to church to attend the Christmas service on Tuesday 16th December.
- As of next week, our library day is now moving to a **Thursday**, this will continue into the Spring term.
- If anyone has any spare wrapping paper at home, we will gladly take any donations for our North Pole role play area. The children are practicing wrapping presents!
- Next term, we will be doing the topic 'People Who Help Us'. We are looking for any adult volunteers who work in the public sector to come in and talk to the children about their jobs e.g. vets, nurses, fire fighters etc. If you would be happy to volunteer or have a family member who may do so, please speak to one of the adults before or after school, thank you!

Phonics

This week we have:

- been learning to read words with plurals e.g. sings, digs, cats.
- been learning to read the tricky words 'we', 'me' and 'be'.

Maths

Next week we will be:

- recognising 6-10 on a 10 frame or dots by thinking about how many more than 5 there is e.g. 5 and 1 makes 6, 5 and 3 makes 8.

Topic

Next week we will be:

- reading the Nativity story and thinking about why we celebrate Christmas.
- talking about why Christmas is important to Christians.

Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds

Reception Phonics Home Learning



Phase 2 - Autumn 2 Week 5

Focus - Words with s /s/ added at the ends e.g. hats / sits

Words ending s /z/ (his) and with s /z/ added at the end (bags)

Please support your child to practise and reinforce the phonemes and graphemes we are learning in school. More information and support can be found on the Little Wandle website - <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Phonemes we will be focusing on this week in school -



We will be reading and writing words. Can you spot segment and blend these words and spot this week's phonemes?

zips

ships

chips

rings

pins

dogs

sings

ducks

We will be reading sentences. Can you spot any tricky words? Can you segment and blend the words and look out for this week's phonemes?

He has pink shells.

His cats get on the bed to nap.

She has six ducks.

His chick has pink wings.

We will be practising tricky words. Can you spot the tricky part of the word?

we

me

be

she

the