



# Year R Newsletter



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## Messages

We would like to start this newsletter by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and also saying a big thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts that the Year R staff received for Christmas. They were very much appreciated, thank you!

We have Mrs Fish joining New Zealand class on a Thursday and Friday to replace Mrs Mardle-Sands she is very excited to get to know the children!

We have had a lovely first week back after the Christmas break and the children have enjoyed learning about the different ways that we stay healthy.

We have talked about the different things that we do to stay healthy, made fruit kebabs, created our own healthy food plates and talked about and labelled the different parts of our friend's bodies!

This week, we read the story 'Room on the Broom' for drawing club and drew a dragon, swamp and a new broom for the witch.

### Notices:

- A letter went out today (Friday) with this term's tricky words for you to practise at home with your child. Please take a few minutes a week to practise these.
- Next week, we will be building traps to catch a burglar! To do this we will need some cardboard boxes, tubes and plastic bottles. If you have any at home, then please bring them in for us to use on Monday or Tuesday.

### Phonics

This week we have:

- learning to read the phonemes 'ai', 'ee', 'igh' and 'oa'.
- reading words that include these phonemes e.g. wait, sheep.

### Maths

Next week we will be:

- identifying the part that repeats in patterns.
- identifying mistakes in patterns.

### Topic

Next week we will be:

- creating our own wanted posters by drawing and writing.
- role-playing the different jobs that the police do.

# Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds

## Reception Phonics Home Learning



Phase 3 - Spring 1 Week 1  
Focus - Phonemes ai / ee / igh / oa

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 that we focused on this week in school -



tail in the rain

ai



sheep in a jeep

ee



a light in the night

igh



soap that goat

oa

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

pain

see

sight

coat

hail

jeep

high

road

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?

The cat has a tail.

His feet go deep in the mud.

I can see a bat at night.

The goat had a red coat.

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

is

as

the

I