



Year R Newsletter



Friday 21st November 2025

Messages

It's been another busy week in Year R, we have had lots of fun reading the story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff! We have made bridges for the goats using junk modelling, enjoyed role playing the story with our friends and made bridges using construction resources, and also printed them using paint and sponges. We have also written descriptive phrases about the troll, applying our phonics knowledge to write words! We had great fun in P.E. playing lots of team games. We have been practicing how to run with control. We have started to learn our Nativity songs this week! We would love to practice these with you at home too and show you how catchy they are!

Notices:

- On 28th November, we will be having our decorations afternoon. On this afternoon, we are inviting parents and carers into Year R to come in and make some Christmas decorations with your child.
- On 2nd December, the children will be attending a pantomime performance in school.
- Can we please request umbrellas are taken home with adults after being used on walks into school. Unfortunately, there is not the space in the cloakrooms, and they are not permitted during playtimes and lunchtimes.
- Just a reminder our Library Day is on a Tuesday, if you could please make sure your child has their library book with them on this day, we can make sure it is changed.

Phonics

- This week we have:
- learnt the graphemes z, zz, qu and ch.
- been learning to read the tricky words 'go', 'no', 'to' and 'into'.

Maths

Next week we will be:

- recognising and counting objects in a ten frame.

Topic

- Next week we will be:
- reading the story 'The Little Red Hen' and making our own maps of the story.
 - baking our own bread using a recipe.

Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds Reception Phonics Home Learning



Phase 2 - Autumn 2 Week 3

Focus - Phonemes z / zz / qu / ch

Words with s /s/ added at the end (hats / sits)

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 -



Pronunciation Phrase - z

Show me your teeth and
buzz the z sound zzzzz



Pronunciation Phrase - qu

Pucker your mouth, then
open it as you say qu qu qu



Pronunciation Phrase - ch

Pucker your lips and show
your teeth; use your
tongue as you say ch ch ch

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

zip

zap

buzz

fizz

quick

quit

chips

rich

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 bell can buzz.

I zip up her top.

The duck can quack.

I chop the big chips.

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

go

no

to

into

his