



Year R Newsletter



Friday 23rd January 2026

Messages

We have had a busy week in Year R developing our theme 'People Who Help Us' through reading the book 'Emergency!'. We explored the vocabulary in the book and talked about the different vehicles in it. The children had a go at working together in groups to make their own fire engines out of junk and also role-played being fire fighters outside and in the woodlands.

In our 'Drawing Club' sessions this week, we watched 'Willo and the Wisp' and used our imaginations to stop evil Edna! In our class worship we talked about the different ways that we can help to look after our planet and the natural world.

Phonics

This week we have:

- learning to read the phonemes 'ur', 'ow', 'oi' and 'ear'.
- learning to read the tricky words 'my', 'by' and 'all'.

Maths

Next week we will be:

- learning to partition 4 objects in different ways.
- exploring and solving problems using 'tetrominoes'.

Topic

Next week we will be:

- talking about the different jobs that people do and how they help us.
- thinking about the different jobs that we might want to do when we grow up.

Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds

Reception Phonics Home Learning



Phase 3 - Summer Week 3
Focus - Phonemes ur / ow / oi / ear

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 -



curl the fur

ur



wow owl

ow



boing boing

oi



get near to hear

ear

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

surf

howl

oil

hear

turn

down

join

tear

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 pig has a curl in his tail.

We go to the shop in town.

He boils the food in the pan.

I can hear the owl hoot.

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

was

you

they

into

my

by

all