



Year R Newsletter



Friday 27th February 2026

Messages

We have had a lovely week back after half term, starting our new theme; 'Animal Homes and Habitats'. We learned about the different enclosures in a zoo and why animals like living in different places. We also used playdough to make animals and add different features to maps. Outside, we started preparing our vegetable patch ready to plant some vegetables later this term.

In PE this week, we had our first gymnastics lesson. We travelled around the hall like different rainforest animals and then learned how to hold our bodies in different gymnastic shapes.

This week the book fayre has been at School! The children all got the opportunity to visit the book fayre and browse the books. If possible, please take the time to visit the fayre, it is in the school hall and can be accessed via the bottom playground after pick up. It will be there until Monday 2nd March.

The children also had a rugby taster session this week! They all have a great time learning about rugby and giving it a go!

Notices:

- Just a reminder that items from home must either stay at home or stay inside a child's bag only for pick up and drop offs. We unfortunately cannot allow things to be bought from home and distributed e.g. stickers or toys. We ask kindly that this be done after school at pick up under parent/carer supervision, thank you!
- This term's school disco is on Thursday 5th March.
- On Thursday 26th March we will be having a 'Stay and Play' session in Year R from 2-3pm. This is a chance for adults/carers to come and spend time with the children in their classrooms doing Easter crafts! We look forward to seeing lots of you then.

Phonics

This week we have been:

- practising reading words with vowel digraphs (e.g. 'ai', 'oa' and 'oo') without sound buttons to help us.

Maths

Next week we will be:

- learning about capacity and weight.

Topic

Next week we will be:

- reading the story 'Handa's Surprise' and learning about the African Savannah.

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Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds
Reception Phonics Home Learning



Phase 3 - Spring 2 Week 1
Focus - Phase 3 phonemes

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 -

ai	ee	igh	oa
oo	ar	or	ur
oo	ow	oi	ear

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

tail	deep	fight	load
food	hard	born	surf
foot	town	boil	hear

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 man has a long boat.	He has buckets of carrots.
The night is dark.	The cat has a curl in his tail.
We put the rabbit down on the carpet.	

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

is	as	his	has	the	I
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