



# Year R Newsletter



Friday 13th March 2026

## Messages

We have had a lovely week reading the story 'The Storm Whale' and talking about what the characters in the story are thinking and feeling. We have also been learning about the different animals that you find on the coast and talking about times that we have been to the seaside. In our woodland's session, the children used their imaginations to go on a stormy sea journey! In our drawing club sessions, we read the tale 'The White Hen and the Fox' and drew the fox as well his home and a potion that could turn him into something else!

As we approach the Summer term, we are starting to think about how we can support the children's transition to Key Stage 1. We are trying to encourage the children to be more independent in the morning: please support this by encouraging your child to enter the classroom with all their things in their bag in the morning so they can organise putting their water bottle, book bag and reading folder away independently.

### Notices:

- On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> we will be having our Easter service at the church. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer to walk with the school to the church.
- On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Year R will be hosting a stay and play from 2-3pm. There will be Easter crafts and lots of fun to be had!

### Phonics

This week we have been:

- practising reading and writing words with more than one 'digraph' (2 letter phonemes) e.g. torch, power, sheep.

### Maths

Next week we will be:

- talking about how many more we need to make 10.
- learning some of our number bonds to 10.

### Topic

Next week we will be:

- reading the story 'The Emperors Egg' and making our own penguin art.
- learning and writing penguin facts!















# Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds Reception Phonics Home Learning



Phase 3 - Spring 2 Week 3  
Focus - Words with two or more digraphs

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 -

 tail in the rain	ai	 sheep in a jeep	ee	 cut the fur	ur	 wow owl	ow
 a light in the night	igh	 soap that goat	oa	 being being	oi	 get near to hear	ear
 zoom to the moon	oo	 hook a book	oo	 chair in the air	air	 a bigger digger	er
 march in the dark	ar	 born with a horn	or				

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

sharp	shark	sheep	cheep
queen	tooth	short	thinker
powder	church	corner	farmer
torch	chain	shower	march

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 sheep march up the hill and into the sunset.

We tell the farmer that his goat has got into the shower.

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

no      of      to      into      she      he      we