



# Year R Newsletter



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## Messages

We have had a lovely week in Year R. We have talked about Remembrance this week, thinking about why we wear poppies and what they help us to remember. We went on our visit to War Memorial Park on Wednesday (thanks to all parent helpers who supported us on this trip!) and did some mindful activities in the peace garden as well as looking at the poppy wreaths around the memorial.

The rest of the week we have been reading 'Goldilocks' and thinking about how the different characters are feeling in the story. We have also followed a recipe to make our own porridge and even had a chance to taste it! In our discussions, Mummy bear's 'too sweet' porridge was the most popular! In the woodlands, we went on a bear hunt and in drawing club we looked at the story 'The Magic Porridge Pot' and drew a wizard! In P.E. we practised jogging and jumping, the children loved playing a game of catch, they had to make funny faces to free their friends!

## Notices:

- Next week, we will be making bridges out of junk. If you have any small cardboard boxes at home or pieces of cardboard, then please bring them in next week for us to use.
- On 28<sup>th</sup> 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. You will have received a letter with more information.
- Today you will have received a letter with information on your child's role in our Nativity. The letter explains what they will need to wear and when we need their costumes by. A few children have some short lines to learn; these will be attached to the letter.

### Phonics

This week we have:

- learnt the graphemes j, v, w and x.
- been learning to read the tricky words 'her', 'has', 'and' and 'his'.

### Maths

Next week we will be:

- looking at different arrangements of 5 spots or objects.
- looking at and recognising arrangements of dots on a dice.

### Topic

Next week we will be:

- reading the story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and building bridges to role play the story.
- making bridges out of junk and testing how strong they are.

# Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds

## Reception Phonics Home Learning



Phase 2 - Autumn 2 Week 2  
Focus - Phonemes v / w / x / y

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 - v

Put your teeth against your bottom lip and make a buzzing sound **vvvvv**



#### Pronunciation Phrase - w

Pucker your lips and keep them small as you say **www**



#### Pronunciation Phrase - x

Mouth open, then push the **cs/x** sound through as you close your mouth **cs cs cs (x x x)**



#### Pronunciation Phrase - y

Smile, tongue to the top of your mouth; say **y** without opening your mouth **y y y**

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

van

vet

wet

wig

fox

six

yes

yum

**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?

A fox is red.

I had a big wig.

The sock is in the van.

It is wet.

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

and

the

has

her

his