



Year R Newsletter



Friday 1st May 2026

Messages

We have had a lovely sunny week spending lots of time outside doing science and learning about boats! We have been testing different materials and objects to see if they are waterproof and if they float or sink. We applied this to design and made our own boats and tested them in the water tray. We have also read the book 'Little Boat' by Thomas Docherty and talked and written about what adventures we think the Little Boat will go on next!

In our music lesson this week, we explored playing instruments in different ways (e.g. loud, quiet, fast and slow) and practised starting and stopping playing at the same time. We also listened to the song 'April Showers' from the film Bambi and moved to the music to represent the rain sounds in the music.

Notices:

- Last week, we sent home this term's 'tricky word challenge' words to practise at home.
- On hot and sunny days, please make sure your child brings in a labelled sunhat as we are spending lots of time outside this term!
- Sports Day is the last day of this term (Friday 22nd May). Today, we sent home a note in your child's book bag letting you know what colour team they are in for Sports Day. They will need to wear a t-shirt with their team's colour on Sports Day.
- Next Wednesday (6th May), is our trip to the Watercress Line. Don't forget to bring in a packed lunch (unless you have pre ordered a school packed lunch), a sunhat, and a water bottle - all need to be in a backpack your child can carry. Please can suncream be applied in the morning before school.

Phonics

This week we have been:

- learning to read and write words with 4 phonemes and with adjacent consonants

Maths

Next week we will be:

- learning about patterns, thinking about what comes next.

Topic

Next week we will be:

- reading the book 'The Train Ride' and making maps of the places in the story.

<p>at the beginning and end of the word.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• identifying the unit of repeat in a pattern.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• using our printing skills to create train art.
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Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds

Reception Phonics Home Learning



Phase 4 - Summer 1 Week 2
Focus - Short vowel words

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 -

s	a	t	i	n	m	d	g
o	c	k	ck	e	u	r	h
b	f	l	ff	ll	ss	j	v
w	x	y	z	zz	qu	ch	sh
th	ng	nk	ai	ee	igh	oa	oo/oo
ar	or	ur	ow	oi	ear	air	er

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

thank	champ	bench	shift
cost	shrink	crack	smell
dress	bring	truck	milk

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 chimp sits on the bench to munch a carrot.

I cannot swim in the pond with the frogs.

Bring me the milk so I can have a hot drink.

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

some	come	love	do
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