



Year R Newsletter



Friday 7th November 2025

Messages

We have had a very busy week back after half term! We launched our new topic, 'Once Upon a Time', with a visit to the Discovery Centre library on Monday. The children thoroughly enjoyed our trip, learning lots about how a library works and what sorts of books they have! We also read 'The Three Little Pigs' and role played the story in the woodlands. The children did a science experiment to find the best material to build the pig's houses and made collages of the houses and characters from the story to go up in the school hall! This week, we have started 'drawing club', this involves reading a story, learning some new exciting vocabulary and then drawing a picture and creating a 'code' using Phonics skills. This week, we did 'Not now Bernard!', the children loved drawing their own monsters.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended parent's evening this week, it was lovely to chat with you all about how the children have settled into school and their progress so far.

You will have received a letter about our 'Tricky Words Challenge'. Please read through this letter and take a bit of time each week to go practise tricky words with your child.

Notices:

- Due to our visit to the town library on Monday as an addition to our timetable, we were unable to change the children's school library books this week. We will change them next Thursday as normal.
- On Wednesday next week, we will be going to the War Memorial Park to see the remembrance poppies.

Phonics

This week we have:

- learnt the graphemes ss, ll, ff and j.
- been learning to read the tricky words 'pull', 'put', 'as' and 'full'.

Maths

Next week we will be:

- using 2D shapes to solve puzzles and create pictures.

Topic

Next week we will be:

- making our own poppy wreaths and learning about Remembrance.
- reading the story 'Goldilocks' and making and tasting our own porridge.

Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds

Reception Phonics Home Learning



Phase 2 - Autumn 2 Week 1
Focus - Phonemes ff / ll / ss / j

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 - ff

Open your lips a little; put your teeth on your bottom lip and push the air out to make the sound **ffff ffff**

Digraph (ff) -
two letters, one sound



Pronunciation Phrase - ll

Open your mouth a little; put your tongue up to the top of your mouth, behind your teeth, and press **llll llll**

Digraph (ll) -
two letters, one sound



Pronunciation Phrase - ss

Show your teeth and let the s hiss out **sssss sssss**

Digraph (ss) -
two letters, one sound



Pronunciation Phrase - j

Pucker your lips and show your teeth use your tongue as you say **jjj**

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

huff

off

bell

till

mess

hiss

jug

jet

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 bell in a bed.

The jam is red.

I can huff and puff.

It is a mess!

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

is

the

I

as