



Year R Newsletter



Thursday 23rd October 2025

Messages

We have had a busy last week of term in Year R. On Monday and Tuesday, we scooped out and chopped up pumpkins to make pumpkin soup as well as going on a pumpkin hunt in the woodlands! Wednesday and Thursday were our school democracy days. In Year R we learned about democracy by voting on which activities and toys we wanted out and which books we wanted to read at story time.

The last two weeks we have been reading the NSPCC story 'Pantosaurus' and talking about how what is in your pants is private and what to do if someone looks or touches you in that area. If you would like to discuss this further with your child there is a video of the story here: [Natalie Dormer reads Pantosaurus and the Power of PANTS book](#) and a Pantosaurus song here: [The Pantosaurus Song! | #TalkPANTS | NSPCC.](#)

Notices:

- On 28th November we will be having our 'Decorations Day!' Parents and carers are invited to come in to spend some time making Christmas decorations with their child in the afternoon. More information will follow after half term.
- A letter went out about parent's evenings after half term. Please follow the links in the letter to book a time to come and have a chat about how your child has settled into school and their progress so far.
- Please can we make sure items from home such as toys, jewellery etc are not being brought in as they are not permitted in school. These things get lost, broken etc and the children end up very upset which disrupts their learning.
- We don't send Little Wandle books home over half term so don't panic! Just carry on reading for pleasure at home, you will receive new books when we are back.

Phonics

This week we have:

- been practising all the graphemes that we have learned this term.
- Practising reading the tricky words 'the', 'I' and 'is'.

Maths

After half term we will be:

- exploring different shapes and sorting them.
- doing shape puzzles.

Topic

After half term we will be:

- starting our new topic; 'Once upon a time'.
- reading the story 'The Three Little Pigs' and creating our own houses for the pigs using different materials.