



Year R Newsletter



Friday 17th October 2025

Messages

We have had a lovely week learning about the creation story and thinking about the amazing world that we live in. The children have had a go at creating and sculpting their own animals out of clay and been hunting for and learning about worms in the woodlands. In our Heartsmart lesson, we talked about how we keep our hearts happy by thinking about people and things that we love. The children drew some of the things that they love, to create their own happy heart. In Year R, we are very active and do lots of climbing, crawling and different types of physical learning on non-PE days. We also do things like yoga in the classroom in school uniforms. If your child prefers to wear a skirt or dress to school and they aren't wearing tights, then we would suggest that they wear some shorts underneath.

Notices:

- We still need parent volunteers for our trips in Autumn term. A letter went out with dates at the start of this week. If you are able to support on either of these trips, then please let the school office know as soon as possible.
- Next week, we will be checking how much the children have learned in phonics this term. Please take a few moments over the weekend to practise some of the phonics sheets from the Year R newsletters.
- Thank you to those who came to our Year R phonics information evening if you weren't able to attend you should have been sent an email with all the information. Here is some guidance on the wordless picture books from the Little Wandle parent's website: [For parents | Letters and Sounds](#)

Phonics

This week we have:

- learnt the graphemes h, b, f and l.
- been learning to read the tricky word 'the'.

Maths

Next week we will be:

- talking about different ways that we can recognise quantities by looking at shapes and arrangements.

Topic

Next week we will be:

- making our own pumpkin soup as a class.
- learning about democracy and how we can vote for things.

Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds Reception Phonics Home Learning



Phase 2 - Autumn 1 Week 5
Focus - Phonemes h / b / f / l

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 - h
Open your mouth and breathe out sharply h h h



Pronunciation Phrase - b
Put your lips together and say b as you open them b b



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



Pronunciation Phrase - l
Open your mouth a little; put your tongue up to the top of your mouth, behind your teeth, and press llll llll

We will be orally blending words. Can you hear the phonemes in these words? Can you listen and then repeat the word?

h - u - g

b - e - d

f - i - t

l - u - ck

l - o - g

h - a - t

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

is

the

l