



Year R Newsletter



Friday 26th September 2025

Messages

We have had a lovely week in Year R exploring the book 'The Dot' through mark making and art activities. In this book a girl discovers a talent for art by trying her best and not giving up! We talked about things that we find tricky and how we can keep trying to get better at things. We also explored colour mixing by mixing paints and also practised writing our names.

In PE this week, we practised moving safely in different ways by pretending to be frogs! In music, we explored the sound of different instruments and practised stopping and starting together at the same time.

On Monday, we sent home the children's reading books. These need to be kept in book bags with reading records and brought in to school everyday. Today, we also sent out a letter with more information regarding the school's expectations of reading at home.

You may have noticed a Mathletics log in at the front of your child's reading record. This website has lots of games that are linked to the curriculum to support their learning.

Notices:

- Please make sure every item of clothing including PE kits is labelled with your child's name.
- Please can any snacks brought in from home be a single piece of fruit in a small named box unless agreed otherwise with your child's class teacher. A reminder that water bottles must also only have water in them.
- Next week, we will be activating parent's Tapestry accounts. You will receive an e-mail with an activation link on that day. If you have any problems logging on, then please speak to Mr Gardner or e-mail the school office.
- There will be a phonics meeting for parents on Monday 13th October at 5pm. At this meeting there will be more information on our phonics programme and how you can support your child's phonics learning at home.

<u>Phonics</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Topic</u>
<p>This week we have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learnt the graphemes i, n, m and d. • been learning to orally blend together sounds to make a word e.g. m-a-p, map and p-i-n, pin. 	<p>Next week we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • subitizing (recognising amounts of objects by sight) 1 and 2 objects in different contexts. • counting actions to 10. 	<p>Next week we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • looking at different examples of circle art. • looking at Kandinsky's 'Concentric Circles' and creating our own version with watercolour paint.

Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds Reception Phonics Home Learning



Phase 2 - Autumn 1 Week 1
Focus - Phonemes s / a / t / i

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 - s

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



Pronunciation Phrase - a

Open your mouth wide and make the **a** sound at the back of your mouth **aa**



Pronunciation Phrase - t

Open your lips; put the tip of your tongue behind your teeth and press **ttt**



Pronunciation Phrase - p

Bring your lips together, push them open and say **pp**

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

s - a - t

t - a - p

s - a - p

p - a - t

a - t