



Year R Newsletter



Friday 19th September 2025

Messages

Welcome to our first Year R Newsletter of the academic year! In this weekly newsletter we will let you know what we have been doing during the week and let you know what we will be learning the following week.

We have had a lovely first week getting to know each other and getting used to our school routines. The children have been busy visiting the woodlands and the library, and getting used to our carpet times doing maths, phonics and story time. We also had our first PE lesson this week and did really well getting changed! The children have enjoyed having lunch in the hall this week and have impressed the lunchtime staff with their lovely manners!

We started our phonics learning this week, what we have learnt is written in the 'phonics' box below. There is a phonics practise sheet on the next page of this newsletter with some things to practise at home. If you could find a few times a week to practise this sheet, then it would really help your child's phonics learning.

Next week, we will be sending home children's reading books and reading records. These books will need to be kept in your child's book bag and brought to school every day. Please record when you have read with your child in their reading record. For some useful videos on reading with your child at home, please follow this link: [Reading at home](#) and scroll down the page.

Notices:

- This week, we have visited the school library and borrowed a book! We will be visiting the library every **Tuesday**, their book will need to be returned the following **Tuesday**.
- Please may we have recycling from home for our junk modelling Thursday and Friday next week!
- A gentle reminder, that when picking up your child we will line up on the blue feet on the playground so if adults could stand towards the back of the playground, please. If it is raining, we will dismiss from the hall doors so adults will still need to be stood on the bottom playground.
- Please make sure everything is named; we had a few muddled T-shirts in PE and children unsure whether snack pots were theirs!

<u>Phonics</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Topic</u>
<p>This week we have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• learnt the graphemes s, a, t and p.• been learning to identify the first sound in words e.g. s-sun, a-ant.	<p>Next week we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• selecting shapes to solve problems.• planning which blocks and construction pieces to use when building.	<p>Next week we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• reading the book 'The Dot' and talking about things that we find tricky.• exploring mixing primary colours to make new colours.

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