

Supporting your child at home



Reading

Your child will bring home two reading books every Friday. One will be a Little Wandle phonics book, and one will be a library book.

Little Wandle phonics book:

This book will be carefully matched to your child's reading level. Initially, your child will have a wordless book and, when they have begun to learn graphemes and how to blend them together to read words, they will then have books with words. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading and to develop their storyteller voice! Listen to them read the book daily, if possible. Give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, remind them to sound it out and if they still struggle, read it to them.

Library book:

This book has been chosen by your child from the school library. This will contain tricky words that your child will not be able to read by themselves. It is a book to enjoy together.

Reading aloud

Encourage your child to read daily and:

- Sound out and blend
- Use their storyteller voice (reading with expression)

Talk about the book together and ask questions:

Discuss the pictures. Can you find a...? What can you see...?

Make a prediction. What do you think will happen next?

Make links with the story and their own experiences. For example, if the book is about a birthday, can they tell you about a birthday party they have had or been to?

Play 'I spy' games. Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of something beginning with...?

Phonics workshop



We will be holding a phonics workshop for parents to attend after school on Wednesday 23rd September. There will be more details on this to follow.



PE

Our PE day is Thursday.

On this day, your child should come to school in their PE kit: a plain white t-shirt, black joggers or leggings and a school jumper or fleece.

Weekly homework tasks



We will be giving your child weekly phonics homework on a Friday. This is to be completed and returned ready for Monday.

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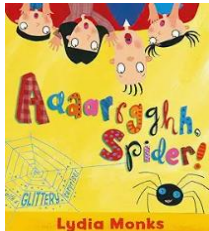
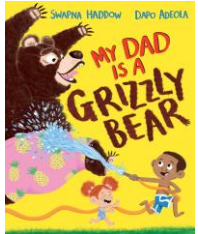
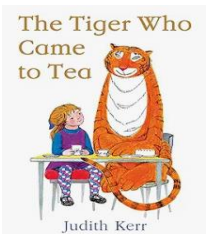


You will be able to follow us at oakfield_hyde and your child's learning via Famly.

Reception Autumn 2026

Our learning this term

In Autumn 1, our theme will be me and my family.
We will be focusing on these texts:



Autumn 1 key learning
Understanding the world



How have I changed?

Human life cycle

Chronology (baby to now and baby to adult)

Ages and stages – what have you learnt to do?

Where do I live?

My house

Different types of houses

My local area – Newton

Simple maps with landmarks

Where do I go to school?

Our school

3D maps of our classroom

Who is in my family?

How can families be different?

What do I like to play with?

What did my parents and grandparents like to play with when they were little?

Spiders

What do spiders look like?

Where do they live?

Do they have families?

Expressive art and design



Spiders and tigers

Make 3D spiders

Spider and tiger printing inspired by Eric Carle

What do I look like now?

Portraits of us – drawing and painting

Maths



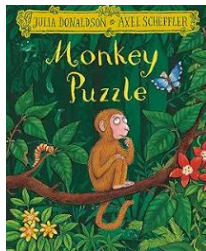
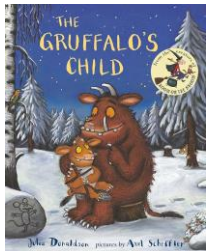
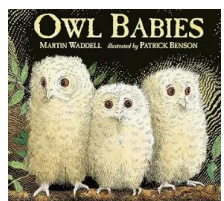
Sorting and matching, comparing, mass and capacity, patterns and one more and one less

Phonics



Phase 2 s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r, h, b, f, l

In Autumn 2, our theme will be animal families.
These will be our focus texts:



Autumn 2 key learning
Understanding the world



What do different animals look like?

Animals collage inspired by Eric Carle

Where do different animals live?

Globe - model of the world

Rainforest (Monkey puzzle) – hot places

Arctic/Antarctic – cold places

Why is it cold in some parts of the world?

Poles

Ice – water freezing and melting

How do animals change?

Animal life cycles

Why do some animals hibernate?

Seasons

Expressive art and design



Do all butterflies look the same?

Observational drawings of butterflies

Symmetrical printing

Maths



Find and represent 6, 7 and 8, shapes with four sides, day and night and composition of 6, 7 and 8

Phonics



Phase 2 ff ll ss j v w x y z zz qu ch sh th ng nk

Understanding the world



Special events

Bonfire night

Diwali

Halloween

Christmas