



Monday 23rd November

This week in Reception

We will be introducing our new post office role play corner which is very exciting as we approach Christmas!

This week we will be finishing our topic 'Light and Colour' and continuing to focus on day and night, looking at nocturnal animals alongside the story 'Owl Babies.'

Phonics Phonic focus for this week

ee ur ow
wh y au

This week we will introduce phase 3 digraphs 'ng', 'ai', 'ee/or' and 'igh'. We will use Jolly Phonic actions and songs to help support the learning. We will introduce the tricky words – was and my.

Maths

This week we will be recapping one less than a given number and will be practising weighing objects.



What can you do at home?

1. Please help your child practise the sounds and make sure the sound book is in their book bag the following Thursday so the new sounds can be stuck in.
2. Practise reading the tricky words we have covered. Mini flashcards are at the back of your child's sound book and you can look for the tricky words in books.
3. Please listen to/read with your child and make comments in their reading record each day. Some children will initially be sent home with a free choice book only, which is to be read together. This is to introduce your child to various books with pictures to support the introduction to reading. This will help them to begin to identify and blend sounds with you as well as identify tricky words that we have introduced. We do not expect them to be able to read these yet, but rather to spark their interest in reading as they become more secure in blending. Once your child is ready to blend sounds, they will be sent home with a Phonic reader as well which they can read out to you. Please do keep these books in their book bags each day as we regularly check these and update them once we have allocated a new reading book. We read with each child once a week so we are regularly assessing their progress to ensure that they are sent home with appropriate readers. Due to having to quarantine books going home, books will currently only be sent home on a Monday and taken in on a Thursday to allow time to quarantine. Ideally your child should be reading with you every day, including practising their word box if they have one.
4. Keep practising name writing and other letters using the school script.



Action points

- ★Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day.
- ★If you provide a snack for your child, please make sure it is healthy. Your child will not be allowed to eat crisps, cakes or biscuits.
- ★Due to having windows open for ventilation as per government guidelines in school, please do send your child in dressed warmly each day.
- ★If you have any old newspapers, cardboard tubes or cardboard boxes, please bring them in
- ★**Post office resources-** If anyone has any spare stationery- cards, envelopes, postcards etc., please send them in. Also, please can you collect used birthday cards and send in just the front picture. We will reuse them and make them into 'new' cards. Thank you.

If you have any concerns please feel free to come and chat to one of us.
Reception Team