

Reception Newsletter

26th September 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we read the story 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. We painted our own owl picture and talked about the story. We created our own owl babies book and made owl puppets to act out the story. We talked about the festival Rosh Hashanah and why it is celebrated by others. This week in phonics we have been learning the phonemes: **i,n,m,d** and in Maths we have been learning how to sort match and sort objects.

Please find attached to this letter your child's phonics learning and Little Wandle rhymes to support your child's letter formation.

Next week, we will be reading the story 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas and in Maths we will be exploring sorting techniques and comparing amounts.

Reminders and Requests

- Please log into your Arbor account to make sure all emergency contacts are added
- Please ensure your child has a bag of spare clothes, so if we need to, we can change your child.
- Please don't forget to name EVERYTHING, including shoes. If you have received or purchased pre-loved school uniform, please make sure you remove the previous name before labelling with your child's name. We have found a lot of uniform is getting lost or put in lost property because there are lots of names which are unidentifiable.
- Please ensure on rainy days your child has a waterproof coat in case they choose to explore the outside classroom.
- Please can the book bags be returned **every Wednesday** so your child can change their library books. Unfortunately, if your child does not bring back their library book, they will not be allowed to borrow another book the following week.
- If you are celebrating Yom Kippur next week and keeping your child at home. Please make sure you inform the office beforehand.
- Please can we ask that children do not wear tights on Thursdays as this is proving trickier when the children are changing.

Future Dates

- **Wednesday 1st October @ 8.00am-9.00am** – Sibling photos in the hall.
- **Wednesday 1st October** – Individual photos.
- **Wednesday 15th October @ 9.00 a.m** – Writing workshop
- **Friday 17th October @ 2.00 p.m.** - SEND coffee and chat

Many thanks
The Reception Team 😊

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 - i

Pull your lips back and make the i sound at the back of your mouth i i I

Formation Phrase - i

Down the iguana and dot the leaf



Pronunciation Phrase - n

Open your lips a bit, put your tongue behind your teeth and make the nnnnn sound nnnnn

Formation Phrase - n

Down, up and over the net



Pronunciation Phrase - m

Put your lips together and make the mmmmm sound mmmmm

Formation Phrase - m

Down, up and over the mouse's ears



Pronunciation Phrase - d

Put your tongue to the top and front of your mouth and make a quick d sound d d

Formation Phrase - d

Round the duck's body, up to its head and down to its feet

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

p - i - t

m - a - t

d - i - p

d - a - d

s - a - d

n - a - p

m - a - p

m - a - n

p - a - n