

Reception Newsletter

21st November 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week have been talking about road transport. We did lots of fun activities such as making own vehicles using junk modelling. On Tuesday, we celebrated Inclusion Day by reading 'Elmer' by David McKee. The children decorated their own elephant and discussed what makes them special.

In phonics, we were learning the phonemes: **z, zz, qu, ch** and the tricky words **go, no, to, into**. Please find attached your child's phonics learning and Little Wandle rhymes to support your child's letter formation. In handwriting, we have been focusing on is 'd' (**round the duck's body, up to its head and down to its feet**). Please find the letter formation sheet at the bottom of this newsletter.

In Maths, we were focusing on finding one more and one less within 5. We used the vocabulary: **count, one more, one less, smaller, bigger and amount**.

Next week we will be continuing with our topic of transport and will be focusing on the story 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane' by Katie Haworth. In Maths, we will be learning about the composition of 4 and 5. We will be using the vocabulary: make 4, make 5, part, whole.

Reading Books

- If your child does not bring back their book bag on Wednesday their books **WILL NOT** be changed as teachers have allocated time to change these books. Thank you with your support on this matter.

Reminders

- If your child attends an after-school club, it is your responsibility to ensure that they bring their belongings home. These clubs are run by external companies and not the school. Thank you 😊
- We still have some children who do not have their PE kit in school. PE is every Thursday and is an opportunity for the children to explore new apparatus in the hall. Please ensure that **shorts** are packed into the bag, without shorts, unfortunately children cannot explore the large climbing apparatus due to health and safety.

Requests

- Balloons
- Newspapers
- Paper cups

Future Dates

- Maths workshop for parents and carers – Wednesday 3rd December
- FS Special books to go home for the weekend – Friday 5th December
- SEND coffee and chat – Tuesday 9th December @ 9am-10am
- Reception Christmas Sing-a-long- Tuesday 16th December @ 2.30pm
- Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 18th December
- Class parties – Thursday 18th December (more information to follow)
- School finishes- Friday 19th December @ 1.30pm

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 - z

Show me your teeth and buzz the z sound zzzzz

Formation Phrase - z

Across the top of the zebra's head, zig-zag down its neck and along



Pronunciation Phrase - qu

Pucker your mouth, then open it as you say qu qu qu

Digraph (qu) - two letters, one sound

Formation Phrase - qu

q - Round the queen's face, up to her crown, down her robe with flick at the end
u - Down and around the umbrella, and back to the ground



Pronunciation Phrase - ch

Pucker your lips and show your teeth; use your tongue as you say ch ch ch

Digraph (ch) - two letters, one sound

Formation Phrase - ch

c - Curl around the cat
h - Down, up and over the helicopter

We will be reading and writing words. Can you spot segment and blend these words and spot this week's phonemes?

zip

zap

buzz

fizz

quick

quit

chips

rich

We will be reading sentences. Can you spot any tricky words? Can you segment and blend the words and look out for this week's phonemes?

The bell can buzz.

I zip up her top.

The duck can quack.

I chop the big chips.

We will be practising tricky words. Can you spot the tricky part of the word?

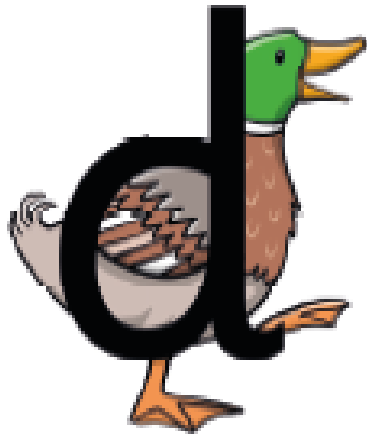
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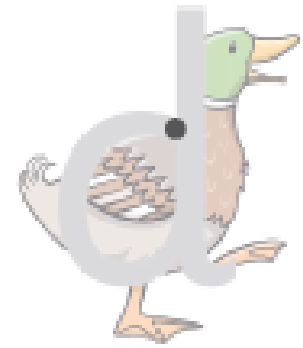
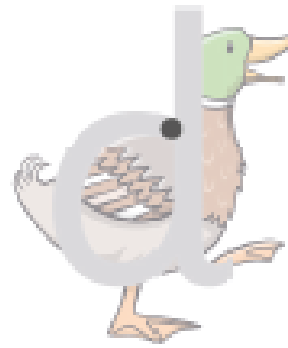
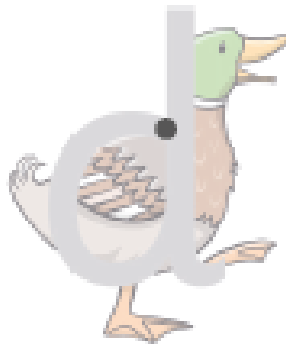
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