



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week have been talking about In the Air and read the book '**Emma Jane's aeroplane**' by Katie Haworth. The children were very busy with lots of fun activities such as making our own hot air balloons using different materials and paper-mache, 'in the air' books, what landmark they would like to visit and they continued to use junk modeling.

In phonics, we were learning the phonemes: **sh, th, ng, nk** and the tricky words **she, push, he, of, go**. 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 'o' (**all around the octopus**) Please find the letter formation sheet at the bottom of this newsletter.

In Maths, we have been focusing on composition of 4 and 5 (2 parts make a whole). We used the vocabulary: part, whole, make 4, make 5.

Next week, we will be talking about Space, this will include how an astronaut travels to space. In Maths, we will be exploring 2d shapes in the environment focusing on circles and triangles. We will be using the vocabulary: Compare, identify, sides, corners, circle, triangle and shape.

### 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.

### Future Dates

- FS Special books to go home for the weekend - Friday 5th December
- SEND coffee and chat - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December @ 9am-10am
- Reception Christmas Sing-a-long- Tuesday 16th December @ 2.30pm
- Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December
- Class parties - Thursday 18th December (more information to follow)
- School finishes- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December @ 1.30pm

Have a lovely weekend,  
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 - sh**  
 Show me your teeth and push the air out shshshshsh  
**Digraph (sh) -**  
 two letters, one sound  
**Formation Phrase - sh**  
 s - Down the snake from head to tail  
 h - Down, up and over the helicopter



**Pronunciation Phrase - th**  
**Voiced:** Tongue on your teeth, teeth almost closed to make a 'buzzing' th  
**Unvoiced:** Tongue on your teeth and push the air out th  
**Digraph (th) -**  
 two letters, one sound  
**Formation Phrase - th**  
 t - Down the tiger and across its neck  
 h - Down, up and over the helicopter



**Pronunciation Phrase - ng**  
 Open your mouth a bit and then use your tongue at the back of your mouth to say ng ng ng  
**Digraph (ng) -**  
 two letters, one sound  
**Formation Phrase - ng**  
 n - Down, up and over the net  
 g - Round the goat's face and curl under its chin



**Pronunciation Phrase - nk**  
 Open your mouth a bit and then use your tongue at the back of your mouth to say ngk ngk ngk  
**Digraph (nk) -**  
 two letters, one sound  
**Formation Phrase - nk**  
 n - Down, up and over the net  
 k - Down the kite, up to the top corner and down to the bottom corner

*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?*

I go to the shell shop.

Can a moth quack?

The big bell can ring.

Her top has pink and red dots.

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

shell

dish

this

moth

ring

thing

pink

sink

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

she

he

of

go

no



O



All around the octopus.

Letter formation practice sheet

