



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been super exciting! The children have been busy learning all about space, including hot and cold planets. The children enjoyed having a space center in their classroom. They were busy packing their bags and writing what they would like to take items to space. They made rockets, aliens and planets!

In phonics, we recapped the digraphs: **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 'g' (**around the goat's face and a curl under the chin**) Please find the letter formation sheet at the bottom of this newsletter.

In Maths, we have been introduced to shape, focusing on circles and triangles. We spoke about sides and corners. We looked at the artist Kandinsky who used circles and triangles for his paintings. We used this artist as an inspiration to explore these particular shapes.

Next week, we will be talking about travelling through the water. We will also be learning about the Jewish festival, Channukah. In maths, we will be exploring more 2d shapes in the environment, squares and rectangles.

Channukah:

As we have the festival Channukah approaching, we would love it if a parent from each class come and talk to the children about Chanukah and how they celebrate! Please organise with your class teacher.

Special books:

Your child's special book will come home today. Enjoy looking through your child's work with your child, they are so excited to show you all their hard work! Please sign the parent comment on the 'next steps' and fill in your child's comment too. Please ensure you return the book on Monday. This is a legal document which needs to be kept at school.

Future Dates

- 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**

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



g



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Round the goat's face and curl under its chin.

