



Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have been busy learning all about different ways to travel by water and we have been learning about Channukah. The children have enjoyed making boats, designing their own boat, making pirate hats, drawing their own treasure map and making Menorahs.

In phonics, we looked at words with 's' at the end of words e.g. dogs, ships, chips and the tricky words **we**, **me** and **be**. 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 'q' (**Round the queen's face, up to her crown, down her robe and a flick at the end**). Please find the letter formation sheet at the bottom of this newsletter.

In Maths, we have been focusing on squares and rectangles We spoke about sides and corners. We looked at the artist Piet Mondrian who used squares and rectangles for his paintings. We used this artist as an inspiration to explore these particular shapes.

Next week, we will be learning about Christmas and getting excited for the festive period. In Maths, we will be revisiting that 4 and 5 can be made of 2 parts.

Special books

I hope you have all enjoyed looking at your child's special book and signed the next steps. If you have not returned your child's special book, please can it be returned by Monday 15th December the latest. This is a legal document which needs to be kept at school.

Future Dates

- Reception Christmas Sing-a-long- Tuesday 16th December @ 2.30pm
- Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 18th December
- Class parties - Thursday 18th December
- **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 -



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

zips

ships

chips

rings

pins

dogs

sings

ducks

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?

He has pink shells.

His cats get on the bed to nap.

She has six ducks.

His chick has pink wings.

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

we

me

be

she

the



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