



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very exciting week. The children have loved learning about vets and the importance of looking after animals. The children shared their own experiences about the pets they have and how they look after them. The children have been roleplaying in their own vet surgery, writing prescription, booking in appointments, drawing their own x-rays of animals, creating their own medical bog and making their own pet books. We ended the week with a visit from the local vet, veterinarian nurses and Cooper the dog from Medivet. They told us about their roles in the vet surgery and how to keep our animals healthy.

In Phonics, we have introduced the Phase 3 sounds **or, ur, ow, oi**. The tricky words we have been learning are: **is, my, by, all**. Please find attached your child's phonics learning. In maths, we have been focusing on numbers 6,7,8. In handwriting, we have to practise the letter 'u' (**Down and around the umbrella, and back to the ground.**)

Next week, we will be focusing on doctors and talking about the importance of their job. In Maths, we are focusing on odd and even numbers and doubling within 8.

In the mornings, staff work very hard to set up the outdoor provision for the children. Recently, we have noticed that some of the activities are being disturbed before the children come out to use the area. This means we then have to spend valuable time resetting activities instead of supporting the children's learning. We kindly ask that you please monitor your children while waiting and ensure they do not touch the outdoor resources before provision time. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Reminders

- Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform and black school shoes (**Velcro shoes only**)
- Please ensure on rainy days your child has a **waterproof** coat (preferably with a hood) in case they choose to explore the outside area. If your child refuses to wear their coat to school, can we kindly ask that you still bring it and pass it to the class teacher?
- Please continue to support your child in dressing and undressing for PE, it would be great practice for children to start practicing this skill at home as well. This will develop your child's independence.
- Please ensure all your children's clothing and water bottles is clearly labelled with their name.

Requests

In the Summer Term, Reception will be starting swimming lessons. We'll need **6 parent volunteers each week** to come and help with their changing of clothes. If you are interested, a DBS is required which needs to be done through the school. Please go to the office for more details.

Important dates:

Friday 30th January after school - PA Event: Cake Sale

Tuesday 3rd January - NSPCC Number Day

Friday 6th February @ 9am-10am - Online Safety Workshop for parents and carers

Friday 6th February - FS Special books home for the weekend

Many thanks and have a great weekend!

The Reception Team ☺

Phonemes we will be focusing on this week in school -



curl the fur

ur

Pronunciation Phrase - ur
Open your mouth in a relaxed way,
push your tongue down and say
ur ur ur



wow owl

ow

Pronunciation Phrase - ow
Open your mouth wide then move
your lips together as you say
ow ow ow



boing boing

oi

Pronunciation Phrase - oi
Make an 'o' with your mouth then
move your lips out as you say
oi oi oi



get near to hear

ear

Pronunciation Phrase - ear
Smile with your lips apart, push your
tongue to your teeth as you say
ear ear ear

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

surf

howl

oil

hear

turn

down

join

tear

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 pig has a curl in his tail.

We go to the shop in town.

He boils the food in the pan.

I can hear the owl hoot.

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

was

you

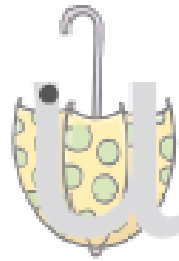
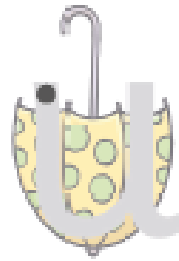
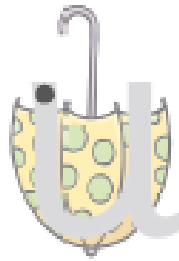
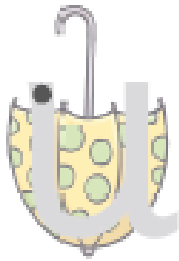
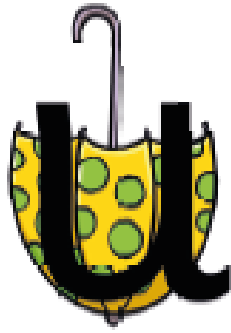
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Letter formation practice sheet

