



Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have had a great week back at school after the holidays. We have introduced our new topic 'Growth' starting with the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. We have had new members to our classroom, some caterpillars! We've been watching them grow daily and are feeling excited to see their next stages. The children have enjoyed making beautiful life cycles of a butterfly and have enjoyed talking about the stages. The children enjoyed writing shopping lists for the hungry caterpillar and wrote about their favourite foods. In maths, we have been exploring numbers 11, 12 and 13 they've been learning that the '1' represents ten and '3' means 3 more. In phonics, we have started phase 4 which will be cvcc words (see below for this week's phonics). In handwriting, we have been practicing the letter 'V' (Down to the bottom of the Volcano and back up to the top).

Next week, we will be looking at the story 'Monkey Puzzle' by Julia Donaldson. We will be talking about how some mothers look different to their babies. In maths, we will be looking at teen numbers up to 20 focusing on the 10s and how many more.

Swimming

Dolphins and Turtles will be starting their swimming lessons on **Tuesday 21st April**

Please ensure your child has a swimming costume, towel, goggles and swimming hat.

Please can we ask girls to come in wearing socks instead of tights on swimming days.

There must be six parent volunteers, who have a DBS check through the school. **Please can you make sure the office has a copy of your DBS and all the relevant documents needed.**

Swimming Timetable

	Dolphins	Turtles	Pandas
21 st April	9.00-10.30	10.30-12.00	
28 th April	9.00-10.30	10.30-12.00	
5 th May	9.00-10.30	10.30-12.00	
12 th May	9.00-10.30	10.30-12.00	
19 th May	9.00-10.30		10.30-12.00
26th May	No swimming – Half term		
2 nd June		10.30-12.00	9.00-10.30
9 th June		10.30-12.00	9.00-10.30
16 th June		10.30-12.00	9.00-10.30
23 rd June	10.30-12.00		9.00-10.30
30 th June	10.30-12.00		9.00-10.30
7 th July			9.00-10.30
14 th July			

Future dates:

24.4.26 - PA bake sale

4.5.26 - BANK HOLIDAY

7.5.26 - Big me day (info to follow)

Many thanks and have a great weekend!

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 -

s	a	t	i	n	m	d	g
o	c	k	ck	e	u	r	h
b	f	l	ff	ll	ss	j	v
w	x	y	z	zz	qu	ch	sh
th	ng	nk	ai	ee	igh	oa	oo/oo
ar	or	ur	ow	oi	ear	air	er

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

hand	jump	lift	soft
tent	wind	hump	nest
lost	thump	belt	pond

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?

We help the farmer put up the tent.

I can lift up the lamp so I can see the chart.

The best gift is the big green box.

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

said	so	have	like
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Down to the bottom of the volcano and back up to the top.

