

Reception Newsletter

16th October 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we read the story “**Pumpkin Soup**”. Thank you for all the pumpkin donations, the children loved exploring different activities with them. In Maths, we’ve been focusing on size and length. Children explored making playdough snakes and describing their length. They’ve learnt lots of new vocabulary; tall, short, long, big, small, longer, shorter, bigger, smaller, longest, shortest, biggest, smallest and measure. In phonics, we’ve been learning the phonemes: **h,b,f,l** and the tricky word **the**. Please find attached your child’s phonics learning and Little Wandle rhymes to support your child’s letter formation.

Next week, we will be basing our learning around the story ‘The Leaf Thief’ by Alice Hemming. In maths, we will be focusing on capacity and weight. We will be using language such as heavier, lighter, balance, scales, heavy, light, weight, mass, capacity, full, empty, half full, nearly full, most and least.

Reminders

- **Cauliflower cards** were sent out last week and today, if you would like to order your child’s art work, please follow the instructions on the leaflet and return the form by **Thursday 22nd October**.
- Please can the book bags be returned **every Wednesday** so your child can change their library books. Unfortunately, if your child does not bring back their library book, they will not be allowed to borrow another book the following week.

Requests

- If you are out walking at the weekend and find any lovely dry leaves or conkers please could you bring them in next week. Thank you!
- If you celebrate Diwali in November, we’d love parents to come to the class to talk about Diwali and how it is celebrated. Please speak to your class teacher to find a day and time that works 😊

Future Dates

- Last day of Autumn 1 – **Friday 23rd October**
- Half Term – School closed – **26th October – 1st November**
- Children to return to school – **Monday 2nd November**
- Zones of Regulation Workshop – **Wednesday 4th November**
- Individual photos – **Monday 9th November**
- Parent Consultations – **Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November**
- School fireworks night - **Saturday 14th November**

Many thanks
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 -



Pronunciation Phrase - h
Open your mouth and breathe out sharply h h h

Formation Phrase - h
Down, up and over the helicopter



Pronunciation Phrase - b
Put your lips together and say b as you open them b b b

Formation Phrase - b
Down the bear's back, up and round its tummy



Pronunciation Phrase - f
Open your lips a little; put your teeth on your bottom lip and push the air out to make the sound ffff ffff

Formation Phrase - f
Down the flamingo to its foot and across its wing



Pronunciation Phrase - l
Open your mouth a little; put your tongue up to the top of your mouth, behind your teeth, and press llll llll

Formation Phrase - l
Down the lollipop stick

We will be orally blending words. *Can you hear the phonemes in these words? Can you listen and then repeat the word?*

h - u - g

b - e - d

f - i - t

l - u - ck

l - o - g

h - a - t

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

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