

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 26th September 2025

This week in Reception:

This week the children have been learning about their class animal; **Lions, Tigers and Bears**. They have been listening to different stories that feature those animals; 'The Lion Inside', 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' and 'The Curious Tiger'.

The children have been learning facts about their class animal and engaging with different arts and crafts activities to create the animals and begin some mark-making.

On their outdoor days the children had their first **Wild Garden Session** with Eva our school gardener. Eva introduced the children to each of the outside wild areas and spoke to the children about the things that they might find. The children used their senses to explore lavender and fennel seeds. Eva demonstrated for the children how to make bug hotels and dens as well as talking about how to be safe and care for the wild areas and the plants and animals that call it home.

The children have been becoming more used to the daily routine, they have been practising listening and following instructions as well as showing kindness and sharing with their friends.

From Monday, as part of their transition, Reception joined the rest of the school on the **main playground** at lunchtime. Please talk to your child about this and help remind them of siblings, friends and neighbours that they will be able to meet and play with on the playground!

Thank you

Most of the children are coming into the classroom independently, saying goodbye at the door. If your child still prefers for you to do come in with them, please talk to them about this transition and support them to follow the Reception routine.

Bookbags

Some of you have been given a **bookbag** already, some of you are waiting. They have been ordered and will arrive soon. If you already have one, please bring it to school and we can keep them altogether until we are ready to send books home.

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Reminders

Daily Class Timings:

Lions 8.50am - 3.20pm

Tigers 8.55am - 3.25pm

Bears 9.00am - 3.00pm

The outside days are:

Tuesdays – Bears

Wednesdays – Lions

Thursdays – Tigers

Phonics

This week the children started their phonics lessons and have learned four new sounds:

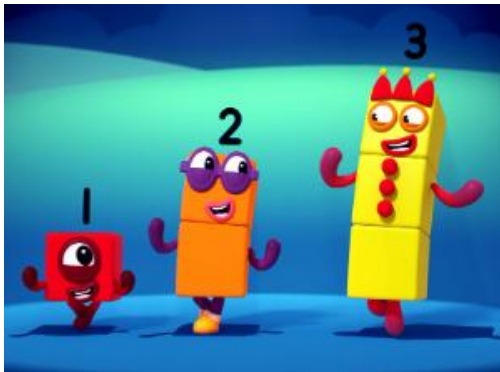


At home go on a sound hunt and ask your children if they can find any objects that begin with these sounds (**insect, nose, monkey, dinosaur**)!

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Maths

This week we started our Maths lessons; the children have been busy subitising! Subitising is the ability to instantly recognise how many objects you can see without counting them. The children have enjoyed Maths songs and short 'Numberblocks' episodes that match the lessons. They have been practising subitising and counting in their play.



Home learning ideas:

- With your child, keep searching for facts about Lions, Tigers and Bears. Your child could draw a picture and you could record the fact for them, please bring them into school – we would love to see them!
- Perhaps find creative ways of practicing mark making the letters in maybe sand, flour, paint or shaving foam, or even writing it on the palm of their hands or on their backs. We also had a rhyme for writing each letter which your child may remember!





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Creative Area

We can see already in our classes that the creative areas are very popular! The children use up the resources very quickly, which shows us they are a creative bunch! When you have any arts and crafts bits at home that you no longer need, we would love to add them to our creative area so the children can enjoy them at school.

Bits and bobs such as:

- Feathers
- Pom poms
- Pipe cleaners
- Glitter
- Old magazines
- Felt
- Buttons

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Please do [visit our website](#), you can find details of forthcoming events on the [calendar](#) (& you can subscribe to your child/ren's year group so it will auto update your calendar), as well as photos of learning activities including educational visits in the [photo gallery](#), read all about recent events and sporting achievements in the [school news](#) section and much, much more!

