

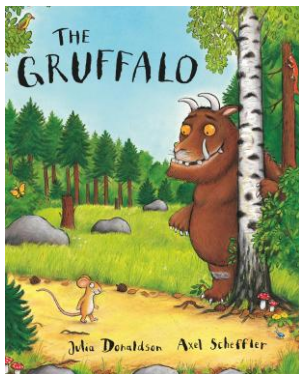
Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 10th October 2025

This week in Reception:

This week in reception we have been focusing on *The Gruffalo*, as well as reading and talking about the story, we have been doing linked arts and crafts activities. Our writing has also focused on the story, with the children trying to draw the mouse's journey through the woods and labelling the characters from the story using their phonics knowledge.

We have also started our reading groups which we will be doing three mornings a week. As many of you are still without bookbags we will not be sending the books home as of yet, but we will be keeping a log of what the children are reading at school.



Bookbags

Some of you have been given a **bookbag** already, some of you are waiting- sorry there has been a delay. If you already have one, please bring it to school and we can keep them altogether until we are ready to send books home.

Harvest Appeal

If you are able to, we would welcome any donations for our Harvest Appeal! You will find the box by the gate on Elsinore Road. Thank you!

Phonics

This week in Phonics the children have been revisiting the sounds they have already learned **s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c,k** and they have learned four new sounds:



At home go on a sound hunt and ask your children if they can find any objects that use these sounds (**sock, egg, umbrella, rug,**)

The children have also consolidate their knowledge of our two tricky words **I** and **is**. Tricky words are words the children learn as a whole word, they cannot be sounded out.

Maths

The focus of maths this week has been composition and the children have been learning how 3 and 4 are made up of 1's and that a whole is made up of smaller parts. This has been done through songs and games and using lots of practical resources such as cubes and counters.

Home learning ideas:

- Try and find collections of 3 or 4 of things at home
- Try and look for resources for our OPAL bingo
- 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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Children of the week

We are now into the routine of having 3 children of the week in each class. For those with any questions, those roles are

- The child of the week
- The class manager
- Whomever takes the class pet home

In terms of the parents roles, for the class pet we ask to fill in **one** page of the book with photos or writing about what you have done with the pet over the weekend.

The child of the week can bring in photos or things they like from home to share with class so we can get to know them better.

The class managers duties will be to make sure everyone is following the class rules so parents do not need to do anything for this. Every child will have a turn at each of the roles once throughout the year.

Important Dates

- **Half term Holiday** – Monday 27th – Friday 31st October
- **Back to School** – Monday 3rd November
- **Reception and Y6 Height and Weight Assessment** - Thursday 6th November
- **Reception to Y6 Flu Vaccination** – Wednesday 12th November
- **Reception Parents Stay&Play Fine Motor Skills** – Friday 14th November
8.50-9.45am
- **Educational Visit to St George's Church** (date TBC)

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We need your help!

Please help us to collect these items, we are having a competition between the classes! These items are to contribute to OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) please bring them to your child's classroom or the main playground by the sheds.

Get ready to play... OPAL BINGO				
Laundry basket 	Suitcase 	Wooden spoons 	Action figures 	Plastic crates 
Dress up items 	Cars 	Dinosaurs 	Pans 	Plastic dolls 
Lego 	Small balls 	Scooter 	Plastic tubes 	Tarpaulin 
Beach spades 	Buckets 	Trowels 	Skateboard 	Cardboard tubes 
Guttering 	Wooden planks 	Helmet 	Aprons 	Chalk 

