

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 24th October 2025

This week in Reception:

Well done to all the Lions, Tigers and Bears, they have completed their first half term at school! I'm sure you join us, in how proud we are of all the children. It has been very busy and there have been many new things to learn and adapt to.

This week we have been learning and talking about all things **Autumn** and this **Spooky Season!** The children have enjoyed sharing their Halloween memories from last year and reflections on the changes they have noticed in the new season. We have talked about the different foods we eat in Autumn and the different clothes that people wear. The children have spoken about the leaves changing colour, the evenings getting darker earlier and even some discussions of the clocks going back!

All the children have written a holiday list this week; different ideas of what they would like to do during half term. They have used their phonics sounds to write different words. Ask your child what they wrote on their list!



Phonics

This week in Phonics the children have been revisiting all the sounds they have learned so far - **s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c,k,ck,e,u,r,h,b,f,l.**

Each class have revisited and focused on different sounds each day and played lots of phonics games to help the children consolidate their learning.

They have also been reviewing the tricky words **I, is** and **the.**

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Bookbags and Reading

We have bookbags! Thank you for your patience.

Your child will bring their bookbag home today, please bring it back on the first Monday back (**3rd November**)

Your child will not bring home a **reading book** this week as we have been using reading time to check how they are getting on with their phonics sounds. We do this roughly every 6 weeks.

Inside your child's bookbag you will find:

- Their reading journal
- A chosen book from the book corner
- A sheet of WOW cards
- The letter below ▼

Dear Parent/Carers

Please read the following information regarding the items in this book bag and let us know if you have any questions.

WOW Cards

WOW cards are a great way to celebrate your children's achievements, however big or small. If your child has a WOW moment, then please fill in one of these and hand them in to the class teacher. We will then celebrate your child's WOW moments with the class!

Voluntary Contribution

Each term, we would like to ask for a voluntary contribution towards class funds of £5.00. We will use this to buy all our usual ingredients for messy play and cooking, as well as other essentials to further enrich the children's learning each season. Of course, if this is not possible now, we are happy to receive contributions of any amount at any time.

Reading Journals

Please use this book to record what and when your child reads at home. Each week we will change your child's reading book. They can also choose a storybook from the class book corner each week to read for pleasure. Your child's bookbag will come home with them on a **Thursday** and needs to be returned to school on a **Monday**.

Phonics reading books

Your child will take home a phonics book every week. These books are part of a set of 6 that we use for group reading every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please return these books to school every Monday. We will not be able to give your child a new book until the previous one is returned.

Thank you,

The Reception Team

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Maths

This week we have been focusing on Comparing numbers. The children have used the language more, less, the most, the least, more than, less than, smaller.

They enjoyed comparing amounts of objects practically on the carpet and pictorially on the interactive whiteboard.


Here is a game they enjoyed, which you could play at home!

[Bee Hive - More & Less](#)

Home learning ideas:

- Try and look for resources for our OPAL bingo! You will see this below in our [‘We need your help!’](#) section!
- Help your child to practise writing their name using a capital letter for the first letter and lowercase letters for the rest of their name.
- Go on an Autumn walk and look for signs of Autumn – you could create a tally chart of the different things you see (conkers, orange leaves, acorns)

Autumn Hunt Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/> conker		<input type="checkbox"/> sycamore seed	
<input type="checkbox"/> chestnut		<input type="checkbox"/> bare tree	
<input type="checkbox"/> squirrel		<input type="checkbox"/> berries	
<input type="checkbox"/> brown leaf		<input type="checkbox"/> pine cone	
<input type="checkbox"/> orange leaf			
<input type="checkbox"/> yellow leaf			

- Enjoy the holiday and spending time together!

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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 



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.

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Important Dates

- **Halfterm Holiday** – Monday 27th – Friday 31st October
- **Back to School** – Monday 3rd November
- **Individual and Sibling Photos** – Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th 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** - Thursday 4th December