

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 7th November 2025

This week in Reception:

We hope you all had a lovely, restful half term break. The children have had a good week and have been settling back into the routines of the day. This week we have really focused on re-establishing our class rules after the holiday. We have been talking lots about the importance of listening, following instructions and using their words to solve conflicts.

Many of the children were excited about Halloween and couldn't wait to tell us about the exciting events they got involved in including trick or treating and attending parties. All the children shared other memories from the half term by writing and drawing their 'Holiday News'!

This week, the children have been learning about **Diwali** and we have connected the festival of lights to **Bonfire Night!** The classes have enjoyed talking about the traditions and history of Diwali and exploring activities related to this such as making Rangoli Patterns with chalk, paint and collages.



Labelling belongings

A gentle reminder to label all your child's belongings with their **name**.

Many items have accumulated over the last few weeks that we cannot give back to the children because they do not contain names.

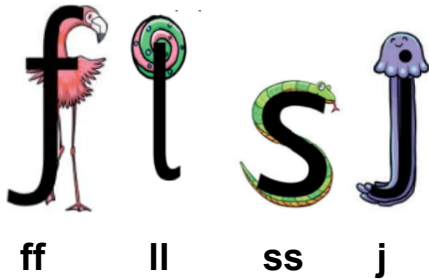
We put these items in the large lost property shed by the main gate. If your child has lost something, please check the shed.

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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.**

They have also learnt the new phoneme **j** and the digraphs, **ff**, **ll** and **ss**. As well as this, they have also learnt the new tricky words **put**, **pull**, **full** and **as**.



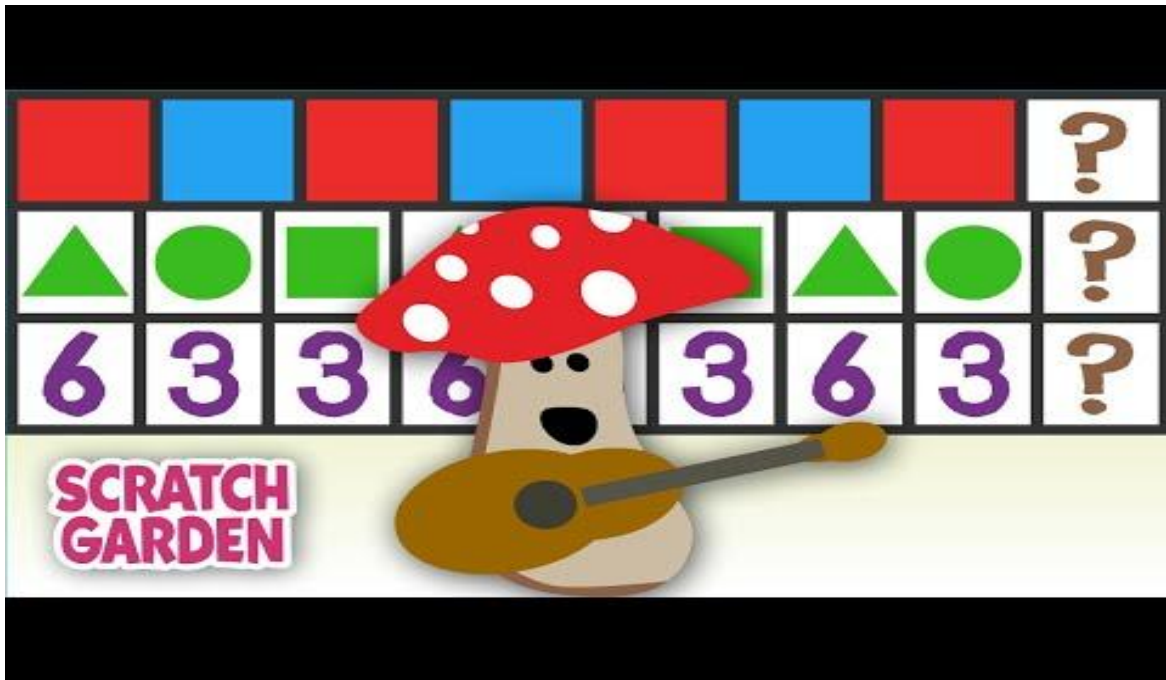
Here is the writing mnemonic we use to help us write 'J': 'Down the jellyfish and dot on it's head.'

Maths

This week the children have been learning about Patterns. They now understand that a pattern is something that happens again and again and again. They have practised making repeated patterns with objects, they worked in pairs to create their pattern. Our learning about patterns this week has linked well to learning about Rangoli Patterns when celebrating Diwali!

They have loved this song about patterns:

[Mix Mashers Digital Clip :15](#)



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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Bookbags

Your child's bookbag will come home on a **Thursday**

Please bring their bookbag in to school on a **Monday**

Important Dates

- **Anti-Bullying Week** - Monday 10th – Friday 14th November
- **Odd Socks Day** – Monday 10th November
- **Reception to Y6 Flu Vaccination** – Wednesday 12th November
- **Visit from a local librarian** - 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

You should by now have received a letter about our upcoming trip.

On **Thursday 4th December** we will be visiting St George's Church to help develop our understanding of the world by learning about what happens there in the run up to Christmas. The times of departure from school for each class are below.

Lions 9.10am

Tigers 10.05am

Bears 1.05pm

If you wish to volunteer on the day to help your child's class, please see the details in the letter. We need lots of volunteers, so we can give the children a safe and enjoyable visit! Thank you!



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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.
- Please start regular reading with your child, their small phonics reading book is for them to read to you!

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

