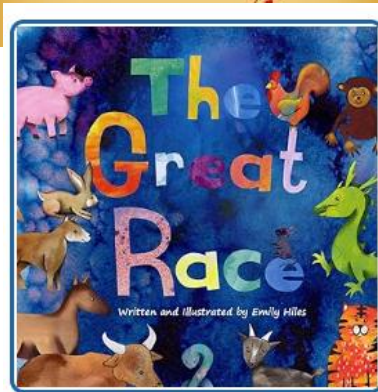
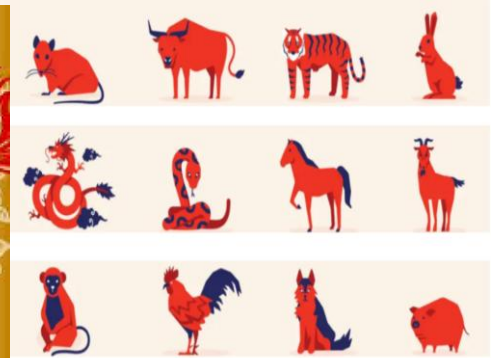


Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 27th February 2026

This week in Reception:

This week in reception we have been celebrating The Lunar New Year!



We built upon what we had previously learnt about The New Year and related this to The Lunar/ Chinese New Year. We explored the story of the zodiac animals, speaking specifically about each of the qualities they have and what we can do to show these qualities. We then created our own Zodiac animal that represented the qualities we felt were important to be a role-model member of our class. We also discovered some of the traditions that are followed within this celebration such as handing gifts of money in red envelopes, having family reunion dinners, and cleaning the house. The children were particularly fascinated by the tradition of Chinese Dragon dancing and loved watching videos of this and having a go at this themselves. In our role play we have had fun acting out working in a Chinese restaurant preparing noodles for eating in or take away. We also had a go at different crafts such as making lanterns and observation drawings.



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Daily Class Opening Timings:

Please note your child should be arriving to their class during this time, otherwise they should be entering school via the office.

Lions 8.50am-9.00am

Tigers 8.55am-9.05am

Bears 9.00am-9.10am

Toys

We have had lots of toys brought in to school recently and some things have sadly been lost, broken or swapped with others. We have found this creates additional problems that take up valuable learning time.

We would like to ask that the children do NOT bring any toys/special items to school.

Thank you for your understanding.

Bookbags

Please continue to bring your child's bookbag into school on a **Monday. This should contain – your child's reading journal, your child's reading book and a book your child has selected to take home from our calm corner.**

We conduct **phonics assessments** every half term in Reception to understand how your child is getting on with the pace of phonics and reading. Due to the changes in children's progress, we regularly shuffle the children's reading groups. This may result in your child bringing home a book that they have previously. Please still help them to practise their reading skills using this book, they may have since learned more sounds that they can recognise or their fluency may have improved.

Thank you for your understanding.

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Spare Clothes

Please provide your child with spare clothes in a bag at school, so they can change if their clothes get wet. Our own supply of spare clothes that we lend the children, is running very low! We would be grateful for any socks, pants, leggings, tracksuit bottoms, t shirts etc that your child or children no longer need – thank you!

At the moment we are particularly low on boy's trousers – any donations would be great!

Phonics

This half term we are going to be reviewing and consolidating our recognising and reading of all the sounds and tricky words we have learnt so far. This will continue to support the children in cementing their confidence and give them time to assimilate all of the amazing phonics learning they have done so far.


























Your continued collaboration in this is greatly appreciated. We have attached a phonics song and Little Wandle sound mat that you can use at home.

[Phonics Digraphs Phase 3 Phonics - YouTube](#)

















Grapheme mat

Phases 2 and 3

 s ss	 t tt	 p pp	 n nn	 m mm	 d dd	 g gg	 c ck cc	 r rr
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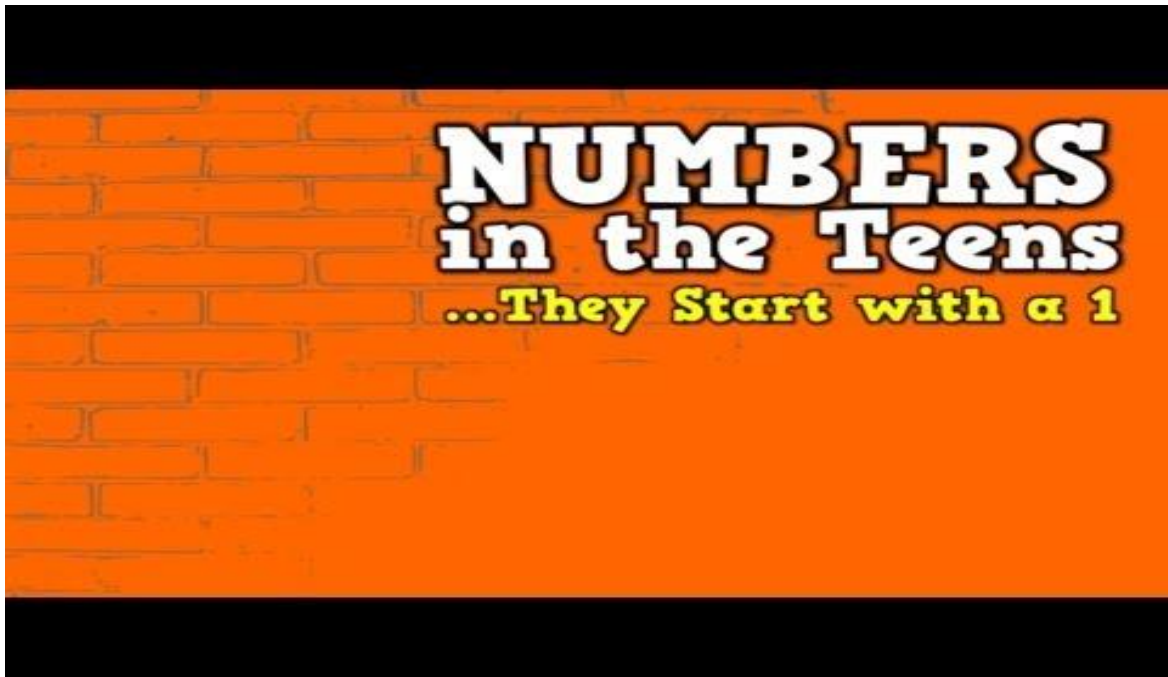


Maths

This week we have been learning about teen numbers. We have practiced counting beyond 10 - 'Come on everybody let's get this done, numbers in the teens they start with a ... ONE!'. We've played games and used concrete materials such as numicon and ten squares to explore the place value of the teen numbers and how the 1 represents a 10.

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[Numbers in the Teens \(They Start with a 1\) \(song for kids about teen numbers\)](#)



Important Dates

- **Thursday 5th March** – World Book Day
- **Wednesday 4th March** – Paul Nash visiting from Catford Library
- **Friday 6th March** – Reception Stay and Play 8.50-9.45 - Fine Motor Focus
- **Thursday 19th March** – Educational Visit to Wildcat Wilderness

Home learning ideas:

- Have fun preparing you costume for World Book Day – We can't wait to see them!
- Have a go at making playdough together at home!
Playdough is great for improving your child's fine motor skills

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Playdough Recipe

[Playdough recipe | Good Food](#)

We need your help!

We are collecting more resources this term for OPAL – please have a look at home and if you can, we would love some of these resources below! Please drop any resources to the large sheds marked OPAL by the main gate.

Thank you!

Get ready to play... OPAL BINGO				
Acorns 	Baking pans 	Cake moulds 	Measuring spoons 	Strainers 
Baskets 	Cable spools 	Cones 	Containers 	Corrugated pipes 
Dress up items 	Fabric 	Funnels 	Nets 	Old electronics 
Pool noodles 	PVC pipes 	Ropes 	Shovels and spades 	Sinks and tubs 
Tires and wheels - big, small and weird 	Pots 	Colanders 	Wheelbarrow 	Watering cans 

