



KILMORIE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reception

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 6th March 2026

This week in Reception:

We had another lovely visit from Paul Nash of Catford library. He came and read a story and spoke about world book day with each class individually. This led nicely into celebrating World Book Day the next day where the children had a chance to dress up as their favourite book characters and bring in some of their favourite books to share. We had a visit from Freshwater Theatre Company who led a storytelling workshop for Reception. The children went on a story hunt and used props and actions to help retell some classic children's stories. This linked to our weekly topic which was learning about The Little Red Hen and using actions and maps to retell the story. And once again, a big thank you to all of you who came to the stay and play.



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



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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.

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 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
h	b bb	f ff	l ll	j	v vv	w	x	y
z zz	qu	ch	sh	th	ng	nk		

a	e	i	o	u
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ai	ee	igh	oa	oo	oo	ar
or	ur	er	ow	oi	ear	air



Maths

In maths, we have been revisiting our number bonds to 5 using both addition and subtraction facts. We have done this through singing songs, using part-whole diagrams and practicing writing our number sentences. We have also been using practical manipulatives such as linking cubes and numicons to cement this knowledge.



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Important Dates

- **Thursday 19th March** – Educational Visit to Wildcat Wilderness
Lions 9.30-10.30am (leaving at 9am)
Tigers 10.30-11.30am (leaving at 10am)
Bears 1.30-2.30pm (leaving at 1pm)
- **Friday 27th March** – Reception Stay and Play 8.50 - 9.45 - Writing focus

Home learning ideas:

- See whether your child can tell you the story of the little red hen
- Have a go at using actions to help your child tell one of their favourite stories
- Use objects at home at practice making 5 (eg toys, 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 

