

Weekly Learning Letter

15th May 2026

What a crazy weather week it has been! Please send the children in dressed for the unpredictable weather we are having. We do hope the sun will be shining for Sports Day next week.

Our learning this week:

Maths

We have been using our knowledge of addition and subtraction facts within 10 to add and subtract within 20. For example: If I know $5 + 4 = 9$, how does that help me solve $15 + 4$?

What facts can you use to help you solve these addition and subtraction calculations?

$14 + 2 =$

$13 + 3 =$

$16 + 4 =$

$14 - 2 =$

$13 - 3 =$

$16 - 4 =$

English

We used images from 'the Snail and the Whale' to help us write sentences using **adjectives** and **verbs** ending in **-ing** to discuss what the characters are doing.

The helpful fire officers are spraying the whale with water.

We also worked together to identify the main parts of the story and we will use this to help us rewrite the story in our own words. Try telling someone at home the 6 main parts of the story using these sentence starters:

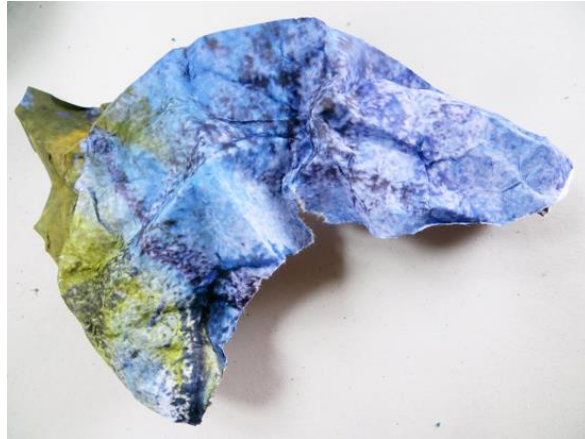
Once upon a time..... One day she decided to..... They travelled

Unfortunately..... Luckily Finally

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Art

We have been focussing on drawing feathers from observation and mark making. We experimented with a variety of drawing materials and tested ways to make marks that describe what we see. We then explored how we can manipulate our drawings to make 3d forms. We twisted, folded or crumpled the paper to become 3d. We will use all of these techniques when making our bird sculpture next week.



Phonics

This week each group has been busy recapping sounds already learnt. Keep practising at home and remember you can use these games: [PhonicsPlay - Phase 4 Resources](#) (Picnic on Pluto, Dragon's Den, Buried Treasure).

Dates for your diary

Thursday 21st May: Sports Day

Friday 22nd May: School closed for Inset Day

Week beginning Monday 8th June: Phonics Screening Check

Educational visit to London Transport Museum:

Monday 22nd June: Butterflies and Ladybirds

Monday 29th June: Treefrogs

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Sports Day

This year, Sports Day will be on **Thursday 21st May at Catford Cyphers Cricket Club**, Rubens Street, Forest Hill, SE6 4DH. It will be for all children from Year 1 to Year 6.

Departure times from school
9.10: Year 1 and 2
9.20: Year 3 and 4
9.30: Year 5 and 6

Your child will be informed of their team colour no later than (**Tuesday 19th May**). Please encourage your child to wear their team colour for sports day.

Your child will need a packed lunch and two water bottles for sports day, as we will be having a picnic lunch with our classes after the sports events have finished.



South London Girls Football League

We're pleased to share a **FREE girls football festival** taking place on **Sunday 7th June (11am–12pm)** at **Colfe's Leisure Centre (SE12 8AW)** 🏈

This is open to girls in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 and is a great opportunity to try football in a fun, friendly environment.

🔗 Sign up here: <https://www.nextlevelsportsed.co.uk/store>



The session will include:

- Fun games and mini matches
- Qualified, experienced coaches
- A focus on confidence, teamwork and enjoyment
- A welcoming space for beginners and experienced players alike

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Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!

The Year One Team