

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 25th September 2026

This week in Reception:

Reception have been busy learning about Lions, Tigers and Bears this week. They have listened to stories, learned facts through videos and non-fiction books and have engaged in lots of arts and crafts activities to do with their class' animal!

The children have now joined the rest of the school on the **main playground** at lunchtime. Please talk to your child about this and ask them about familiar adults, siblings, friends and neighbours that they have met and played with on the playground!

From Next Week

We would appreciate (as much as possible!) if the children could now come into the classroom **independently**, saying goodbye at the door. Many of the children are doing this already and all of them are now familiar with where their peg is and with the morning routine of their class. Thank you.

Children of the Week

We have now started our **Children of the Week** focus. For those who are unsure, the roles are:

- **Child of the Week**
- **Class Manager**
- **Carer of the Class Pet**

Each child will be given **one of these jobs each term**. When your child brings home a slip informing you of their role, please return it with details of when you are available to meet with the teacher. These meetings take the place of the school's formal parents' evenings, so they are an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress.

How Parents and Carers Can Help:

Carer of the Class Pet - Please help your child complete one page of the class pet diary with photographs, drawings, or writing about what they have done with the pet over the weekend.

Child of the Week - Your child is welcome to bring in photographs, special items, or examples of things they enjoy so that they can share them with the class and help us get to know them better.

Class Manager - The Class Manager's role is to help ensure that everyone is following our classroom rules and routines. No additional support from parents is needed for this role.

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Phonics

This week the children started their phonics lessons and have learned four new sounds:



At home go on a sound hunt and ask your children if they can find any objects that begin with these sounds (socks, apples, taps, pots and pans)!

Reminders:

WRAP and Enrichment Clubs

If your child is attending WRAP or an Enrichment club please remind them that they will be attending that day to help them with the transition between the school day and after school provision.

Important:

Please provide a set of **spare clothes** for your child's peg in a separate bag. A **water bottle** for your child is also very useful and please do label all of their belongings with their **name**, thank you!

Daily Class Timings

Lions 8.50 – 9.00am and 3.20 – 3.30pm

Tigers 8.55 – 9.05am and 3.25 – 3.35pm

Bears 9.00 – 9.10am and 3.30 – 3.40pm

Outdoor days - please help your child to dress appropriately for the weather on these days.

Tuesdays – Lions

Wednesdays – Bears

Thursdays – Tigers



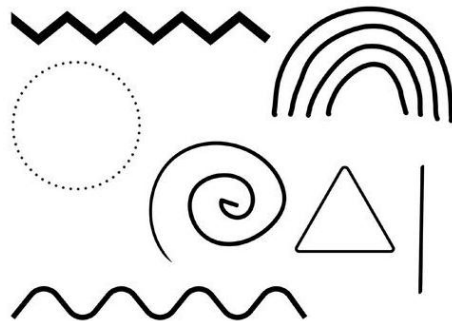
Book bags:

Book bags are now available to purchase via Arbor. The cost is £8 per bag, or £5 for children who are eligible for Pupil Premium. **Once paid for these can be collected from the office.** These bags are ideal for carrying reading books, school books and reading journals safely between home and school. In previous years, book bags were provided free of charge; however, this was at a financial loss to the school and is no longer sustainable. We have therefore introduced a purchase option to help cover the cost. Please note that purchasing a school book bag is entirely optional. Children are welcome to use any suitable bag from home to transport their books and reading materials if preferred. We appreciate your understanding and continued support.

Home learning ideas:

- Please help your child to recognise their own name and begin to have a go at writing their name, if they cannot do this already. We are working on this at school.
- Help your child to mark make at home, they could do this with pens and crayons or even sand, soap or shaving foam!

Patterns help children to eventually go on to form letters correctly – this benefits all children wherever they are in their journey to writing.



School website

Please do [visit our website](#), you can find details of forthcoming events on the [calendar](#) (& you can subscribe to your child/ren's year group so it will auto update your calendar), as well as photos of learning activities including educational visits in the [photo gallery](#), read all about recent events and sporting achievements in the [school news](#) section and much, much more!

