

Weekly Learning Letter

Date: 16th October 2026

It was a pleasure meeting many of you during this week's parent consultations. Thank you to everyone who attended. If you were unable to make your scheduled appointment, please contact the class teacher to arrange a new time.

Maths / Number:

In Maths we have been recapping our doubling and halving knowledge and then using that knowledge to solve problems. We have been exploring addition and subtraction facts within 10, representing these problems in different ways and using this to help us solve problems. We then looked at adding 3 single-digit numbers and explored different strategies that we can use to efficiently find the answers.

Phonics / Spellings:

This week in phonics, the children have been learning these tricky words:

Move, improve, parents, shoe, thought, whole, who

In whole class phonics we have been reviewing word endings:

'ce' (makes a 's' sound) – choi**ce**, chan**ce**

'ze' (makes a 'z' sound) – snee**ze**, free**ze**, bree**ze**

'se' (makes the 's' sound) – worse, noise, horse

We have also been reviewing the suffixes: 'ed' and 'ing'

'ing' - knock**ing**, sign**ing**, gnaw**ing**

'ed' - knock**ed**, sign**ed**, gnaw**ed**

Please practise these sounds and words at home. Can you use the words in sentences?

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We wrote a Character description of Red from The Last Wolf and wrote a setting description of the new forest at the end of The Last Wolf written from the perspective of the Wolf. The children used expanded noun phrases and imagined what they might see, hear and feel to plan this piece of writing.

Write 3 expanded noun phrases to describe this woodland setting.



Art:

This week in Art, we have been creating wax resist Autumn leaves. We used wax crayons to draw large versions of leaves that we had collected from the Wild Garden and then used Brusho Crystal Colours over our crayon drawings.



Reading

Read out loud to someone. Remember to read with expression!



Build a reading den. Find somewhere cosy, snuggle up and read your favourite book!



Create a family kindness jar. Every time someone does something kind, write it down and put it in the jar. You can help spread kindness.



Seashell Search

9 There once lived a tiny hermit crab called Coral.
18 Coral was sad because she was getting too large
29 for her shell. She needed to find a new home. Coral
38 had searched the ocean floor for many days but
48 no shells were quite right. The first shell was too
57 hard. The second shell was too soft. The third
65 shell was too lumpy. Finally, Coral thought that
74 she had found the perfect, shiny shell but inside
84 she found a grumpy sea snail taking a nap. She
90 scurried away feeling miserable. Suddenly, Coral
101 spotted the tip of a shell poking out of the seabed.
113 She dug it out of the sand and cleaned it until it
119 sparkled. The shell was just right.



Questions



1. Why does Coral need a new home?



2. How do you think Coral feels about her new home at the end of the story?



3. Find and copy **two** words from the text that means the same as 'unhappy'.



4. Number these sentences from 1 to 3 to show the order that they appear in the text.

- ☐ The shell was too lumpy.
☐ The shell was too hard.
☐ The shell was too soft

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Home learning ideas:

Get practising your 2, 5 and 10 times tables at home. You can play a game on hit the button or listen to some times tables by following the links.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3yf3xgE8wMc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2KyDZ7f1RfE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3yf3xgE8wMc>

Take a look at the top 50 things to do before you're 11¾. Have you done any? Are there any you could do? Maybe you could do some this weekend or in the half term holidays. We'd love to hear about them if you do!

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/50-things/top-50-things-to-do-before-youre-11-activities-to-do-in-autumn>

Year 2 bug hotel

In the outdoor area next to Will's class we are planning to make a Year 2 bug hotel and create a safe space for insects to shelter, nest and hibernate.

Can you bring in some natural resources that you find in your local area or garden to help build it? We need:

Dry leaves	loose bark
Pine cones	leaves
Straw	sticks
Hay	small stones/pebbles



Educational Visits

- Tuesday 10th November – Hannah & Naomi's class to St Paul's Cathedral.
- Tuesday 24th November – Rebecca's classes visit to St Paul's Cathedral.
- Tuesday 1st December- Will's class to St Paul's Cathedral.

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Carnival!

As part of Black History Month Year 2 will be learning about Claudia Jones, who started the Notting Hill Carnival. We will be making our own carnival masks and have a mini 'carnival' in the outdoor playground! On Friday 23rd, Year 2 children can come into school in the brightest clothes they can find to celebrate our carnival day.



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!

Have a good week,

Rebecca, Hannah, Naomi and Will