

Reception Newsletter



Friday 16th October 2026

Our school rules

We promise to be...

Safe (is keeping our bodies safe, keeping other people safe, keeping things safe, keeping ourselves safe and keeping our learning safe.)

Kind (is sharing and taking turns, caring for others, helping someone, using kind words, looking after things)

This week we have...

- Been learning about the changing **seasons** and have been exploring the changes that are taking place that are signs of **Autumn**. The children enjoyed going on an Autumn Walk in which they used a checklist to look for items such as conkers, acorns and leaves of different colours.
- Been thinking hard in Maths to create and guess **sorting** rules. These are rules that help us to decide how to sort items into groups. We have had fun sorting different shaped pasta pieces in COOL time! We have also been **comparing** different amounts using the vocabulary **more than**, **fewer than** and **the same**.
- Learnt about the importance of names! We discussed some of the ways our names help us and why it's important to be able to read and write our name.

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ck - a camel and a kid

e – elephant -around the head and down the trunk

u – umbrella -under the umbrella and down the the tip

r – runner -down her body up over the arm

Harder to read and spell words:

These are words that do not use a phonetic code - we cannot sound them out and blend to read. We just have to see them and read them.

to go into

Next week

We will be learning 4 new **graphemes** (letters) and **phonemes** (sounds). Please return your child's phonics folder on **Wednesday** so we can add new learning to their folder.

At home

Keep practicing blending!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mSi6BxKqe6s>
Encourage your child to read their book or play their blending game.

Dates for the diary

22nd October – Last Day of School and Non-uniform day (info to follow).

2nd November – Return to school.

Other bits:

- ❖ **Reading Books and Games** – Please bring your child's **Reading Book**, including their **Reading Record**, to school on a **Thursday**. This will be returned to you on a Friday. We ask you to try to keep their reading book in their bag to ensure it is always accessible at school and at home. More information has been sent home regarding reading expectations and how you can support your child at home.
- ❖ **PHONICS FOLDER** - Your child has a **phonics folder** with the 4 new phonemes taught that have been taught during the week. There is guidance included on how to use them **at home**. [Phonics folders](#) – back into school on a **Wednesday** and home on a **Friday**

**** words in red are new vocabulary that we have taught the children. Use this vocabulary at home to support your child's language.**