



Year R Learning Letter

Friday 26th September 2025

Edition No. 2

The children continue to settle in to school routines and we would like to thank you for your continued support in making their transition to school a smooth and happy one. Just a couple of things we still need your help with ... PLEASE name ALL clothing. As requested at our induction evening, please ensure all children have a book bag NOT a backpack; there is no room for backpacks in our cloakrooms. Spare clothes in a carrier bag, stay on their pegs. Also, as a large number of children struggle to put on their own coat, please continue to practise this at home. Thank you for your help with this.

Friday 10th October is 'Feeling Good Day' and children are invited to come in wearing their own clothes including, if possible, something yellow to represent positivity. Please bear in mind we will still be using our mud kitchens and sand pits, so no 'best clothes' please! We also ask that children do not wear footwear with laces. Advance notice... 20th and 21st October will be our first school photo, so please remember **no PE kit for Robins on Monday 20th October**. Owls photos will be taken on Tuesday 21st October, so school uniform as usual.

Over the past two weeks, we have...

- Improved our fine motor skills using scissors, tweezers, and nuts and bolts, holding a paintbrush, holding a pencil or crayon etc.
- Talked about what makes us special
- Shared Elmer stories
- Read Peace at Last and Squash and a Squeeze.
- Enjoyed our Friday 'Dough disco'
- Learned how to subitise - say what we see without counting

Reading

From Monday 6th October, children will be bringing home wordless books to share with you. Books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday in school. We hope you enjoy making up stories with your children as you share the pictures. Feel free to write any comments in your child's reading diary. To preserve our books, we ask that water bottles are **not** kept inside book bags.

To support your child's early reading journey, we would like to invite you to a **reading workshop for parents, on Monday 13th October at 2:15pm**, to be held at your respective base (Robins parents at Brockham, Owls parents at Betchworth). This will give us the opportunity to share our Phonics programme with you, and explain how we encourage a love of reading.

Wanted

- Recycling materials for junk modelling - no bigger than a cereal box please. **No glass and no medicine packages please.**
- Donations of Ingredients for making play dough - flour, cream of tartare, salt. This is for our 'dough disco' each Friday.

Reminders

- Please remember to name ALL clothing, shoes, PE bags and water bottles.
- Please send your child in with a named coat **each day**.
- Please continue to practise doing up coats independently.
- Please provide your child with a named water bottle **every day**.

Over the next two weeks, we will....

- Share the story of We're Going on a Bear Hunt
- Collect objects and make an autumn collage together.
- Recognise and order numbers to 5 using Numicon and other maths equipment.
- Enjoy our music sessions using Charanga and a range of percussion instruments
- Begin learning our phase 2 letters and sounds - see attached schedule

Date for the diary

Our first curriculum day will be on Wednesday 5th November when Owls will spend the day with Robins at the Brockham site for the whole day. Full details will be provided nearer the time.



Year R Letters and Sounds

We will be introducing a new sound (phoneme) 4 days a week and consolidating letters on the Friday.

Please see list below so you are aware which sounds have been covered.

Date	Sound of the day
Monday October 6th	s
Tuesday October 7th	a
Wednesday October 8th	t
Thursday October 9th	p
Monday October 13th	i
Tuesday October 14th	n
Wednesday October 15th	m
Thursday October 16th	d
Monday October 20th	g
Tuesday October 21st	o
Wednesday October 22nd	c
Thursday October 23rd	k
Tuesday November 4th	ck
Thursday November 6th	e
Monday November 10th	u
Tuesday November 11th	r

Date	Sound of the day
Wednesday November 12 th	h
Thursday November 13 th	b
Monday November 17 th	f/ff
Tuesday November 18th	l/ll
Wednesday 19th November	ss

Phase 2 Tricky Words (Common Exception Words) we will be learning this term.

the	to	I	no	go
into				