

Year R Learning Letter

Friday 7th November 2025

Edition No.4

Welcome back after the half term break; we hope you all had an enjoyable week. The children have settled back into school very well and it was lovely to be able to share their successes with you at our parent consultation meetings. Our first shared day together was a great success - the children enjoyed meeting up with old friends and meeting new ones. It was a real treat to have a talk from the Brockham Bonfire Committee and we loved toasting marshmallows!

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you to keep your children closely supervised at the end of the day. If children run ahead when leaving the school site, they may not remember to stop before reaching the road.

In the last two weeks, we have...

- Shared the story of Stick Man
- Discussed fire safety
- Developed our subitising skills
- Started looking at the 'part-whole' relationship of numbers
- Practised our scissor skills

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

- Use objects to make comparisons, using mathematical language e.g. 'more', 'fewer', 'the same as' and 'equal'
- Continue learning phase 2 letters and sounds, along with tricky words
- Practise our pencil grip, remembering to use our 'pinching fingers'
- Develop our letter formation skills
- Begin our new Jigsaw topic, talking about things we are good at
- Share Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaur stories as a focus for our topic on dinosaurs



Mufti 14th November - Challenge Yourself 25

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

We are supporting Children In Need and encourage the children to take part in the sponsored initiative of **Challenge Yourself 25**. They could do 25 acts of kindness which ties in with our Compassion school value as it is anti-bullying week.

Children In Need mufti is on Friday 14th November for an online donation of £1 and our nominated School Councillors will also be introducing themselves at the Children In Need assembly on this day! As always, thanks for your support.

Reading

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our reading workshop. Your child's early reading journey is so exciting and opens up a whole new world to them. Reading **every day** will help them develop confidence and a love of reading that, we hope, will instil a lifetime love of reading.

To help you with the pronunciation of sounds, you might like to watch this short video clip

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc>

Maths

In Reception, we use a variety of resources to support our mathematical learning. We would like to share a CBeebies link with you, which provides parents with some guidance on how Numberblocks can be used to develop mathematical knowledge and skills.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/how-numberblocks-supports-school-maths>