



Year R Learning Letter

Friday 21st November 2025

Edition No. 5



Following the success of our first shared curriculum day, we will be spending the day together at the Betchworth site on **Friday 5th December**. Robins will spend the whole day at Betchworth and should be dropped off at, and collected from, the Betchworth site at the usual times. Those children who normally attend breakfast club on a Friday can attend breakfast club at Betchworth but **must bring their own packed breakfast**, as there are no catering facilities on site. Dress for the day will be uniform on top and joggers/leggings with trainers. We will be celebrating the build up to Christmas and are hoping to visit a local care home to perform some of our nativity songs.

Our 'Nursery Rhyme Nativity', for both Owls and Robins, is on **Friday 12th December, 2:15pm** at the Brockham base. We have already been busy learning the songs - you may well be hearing some of them at home! No costumes will be necessary, as we will provide everything the children need from school resources. Please keep an eye on the school newsletters for details of other festivities happening very soon, including a visit from Santa at the Christmas Fair on 19th December!

Over the past two weeks we have...

- Shared dinosaur books, learning the difference between fiction and non-fiction
- Shared Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaur Stories
- Learned about herbivores and carnivores
- Celebrated our differences in PSHE, through Jigsaw
- Learned about cardinality in maths
- Compared quantities, using mathematical vocabulary e.g. 'more', 'fewer' 'equal'.

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

- Use our phase 2 sounds to write words
- Begin to learn how to read and write our tricky words/ common exception words - the, I, no, go, to, into
- Learn positional language and practise using question words with the stories of Spot the Dog and Rosie's Walk
- Use the Gruffalo as a focus story for our learning

Play Sand

Our sand pits are one of the most popular resources in Reception but this means that the sand is now rather depleted! If you know of anyone who would be willing to donate and deliver 2 one tonne bags of play sand to our sites in Brockham and Betchworth, please let Mrs Cobbold or Ms Morgan know.

Uniform Reminders

- As the weather gets colder, please remember **we are outside in all weathers!** Please ensure your child has layers if necessary!
- Please continue to label **all clothes** - this makes our jobs so much easier - a big thank you to all those who do!

Notices and Reminders

- We are always appreciative of any donations of play dough ingredients (plain flour, salt, vegetable oil, cream of tartare). Owls class is in desperate need of salt.
- Recycling materials are always needed for your children to create their wonderful models.