



Year R Learning Letter

Friday 30th January 2026

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The children have loved learning about different types of transport and this week we have been exploring the solar system, after blasting off in our rockets! Next week, we start learning about travelling by road, so if you have any photos of unusual road vehicles please do send them in by email.

During the last week of this half term, we will be learning about people who help us. If you have a job that involves helping people, and are able to come and talk to the children for just 10 minutes about your job, we would love to hear from you. Please email info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk and mark it to the attention of Ms Morgan, or Mrs Cobbold.

Please can we ask for your help in promoting independence ... children need to be able to put on their own coat **and fasten it**. Please can we also request that children do not wear footwear with laces.

Over the last 2 weeks we have...

- Talked about our hopes and dreams in Jigsaw
- Developed our mathematical language using stem sentences with 'more than' and 'fewer than'
- Continued learning phase 3 letters and sounds, and tricky words
- Enjoyed learning African and Space dances
- Talked about the differences between the UK and Africa, using Handa's Surprise as a focus
- Used the story of Whatever Next to inspire our learning about space travel

Over the next two weeks, we will...

- Learn about people who help us
- Continue to use our phase 2 and phase 3 sounds to read and write independently.
- Talk about ordinal numbers in Maths
- Share the story of Duck in the Truck
- In R.E. We will think about what makes our world special for us and for others

Reminders

- Please send in a water bottle every day
- **No water bottles in book bags please**

Wanted

- Junk modelling resources, nothing bigger than a cereal box please.

Reading

Please continue to listen to your child read **every day** as this is so important in helping them to develop confidence and fluency. You will be amazed at how quickly they progress with just 5-10 minutes of daily reading!

Amazing fact...a child who hears 5 stories a day at 5 years old, will have been exposed to over a million words! Please remember you can access Bug Club online for extra practise, using login details provided earlier in the year.

MUFTI Day - Friday 13th February - Wear a bright colour to school

Children's Mental Health Week runs from February 9th to February 15th, 2026, with the theme "This is My Place", focusing on the importance of belonging and encouraging supportive environments for children and young people. Please wear a bright colour to school on Friday 13th February to support awareness of this important issue.