



Year R Learning Letter

Friday 3rd November 2023

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 first parent consultation meetings. We have had a great day together - 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!

In the last two weeks, we have...

- Shared the story of The Hungry Caterpillar
- Discussed fire safety
- Developed our subitising skills
- Started looking at the 'part-whole' relationship of numbers
- Discussed healthy eating
- Practised our scissor skills

Reading

Please remember 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!

You might like to play I spy on your way into school, looking for things that contain our focus sounds. Can your child hear if the sound is at the beginning, in the middle, or at the end of the word?

Wanted

- Play dough ingredients for our 'Dough Disco' - plain flour, vegetable oil, salt, cream of tartare
- Junk modelling resources, nothing bigger than a cereal box please.
- Spare, outgrown socks and tights.

If anyone has a contact who might be willing to donate a small quantity of pea shingle for Robins' outside learning area, please let Mrs Cobbold know.

Reminders

- Please remember to name **ALL** clothing (including PE kit), shoes, bags and water bottles.
- Please send your child in with a warm, waterproof coat **every day**.
- Please continue to practise doing up coats independently.
- Encourage your child to dress independently.

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
- Share Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaur stories

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>