



Year R Learning Letter

Friday 1st March 2024



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Welcome to our first learning letter in March, we are hoping the spring weather is just around the corner. The wet weather did not dampen our excitement for our Fire brigade visit last week. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and got to look around the truck and spray the hoses as well as learning about fire safety. Dorking Fire crew asked us to remind families they provide a free installation service for anyone who needs smoke detectors fitted at home free of charge. If you would like to take advantage of this, please contact Dorking Fire Station.

Thank you for providing seeds and bottles for our beans - we are now waiting in anticipation to see what happens next...we are hoping for some beanstalks in the near future! We have also enjoyed planting the donated bulbs in our outside areas. Many thanks to those who donated.

In the last two weeks we have...

- Used mathematical language 'more, greater, less and fewer' when comparing numbers
- Continued learning phase 3 letters and sounds and tricky word
- Used the stories of Jack and The Beanstalk and Jasper's Beanstalk as a focus for our learning
- Introduced our new Jigsaw topic 'healthy me'

Over the next two weeks we will...

- Tell the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff, and Cinderella
- Observe changes, as our seeds germinate.
- Develop our subitising skills (saying what we see without counting), working with numbers to 8 and investigate number composition to 10
- Discuss healthy eating choices through our Jigsaw programme
- Observe changes in trees and plants as spring progresses.

Reminders

- Please remember to name **ALL** clothing including socks if possible
- **No** water bottles in book bags please to protect our reading books
- Please remember to read a little **every** day. It is so important, as this helps your children to consolidate their learning and makes a real difference to their confidence.

Wanted

- Recycling that can be used for junk modelling

Please see the attached letter from the Surrey Wildlife Trust about The Wilder Schools Action for Nature Competition 2024.....



Surrey Wildlife Trust

Wilder Schools Action for Nature Competition 2024

End date: Sunday 30th April.

Surrey Wildlife Trust has been working with North Downs Primary School to encourage practical actions beyond the school grounds and help nature thrive.

Complete one or more Actions for Nature at home or in your community, and North Downs Primary School will be in with a chance of winning a **£500** grant towards outdoor learning equipment or tools for school grounds improvement.

It isn't hard or expensive to help our wildlife, your action could be as simple as a litter pick! If you're lucky enough to have a garden, you could feed the birds, plant pollinator-friendly plants or go chemical-free.

How to take part:

- Explore your possible Actions for Nature: www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions
- Once you've completed your Action for Nature, record your actions, upload a photo and view our actions map at: www.surreywildlifetrust.org/nature-actions-map

Record your Action for Nature to claim **half-price membership with Surrey Wildlife Trust**, and to be entered into a free prize draw to win a wildlife tech prize!"

Best regards,

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