



Year R Learning Letter

Friday 25th September 2026

Edition No. 2



The children continue to settle in to school routines and we would like to thank you for your continued support in making their transition to school a smooth and happy one. Just a couple of things we still need your help with ... PLEASE name ALL clothing. As requested at our induction evening, please ensure all children have a book bag NOT a backpack; there is no room for backpacks in our cloakrooms. Spare clothes in a carrier bag, to stay on their pegs. All children need waterproof trousers in school, so please send them in if you haven't already done so. Also, as a large number of children struggle to put on their own coat, please continue to practise this at home. Thank you for your help with this.

Advance notice... 12th and 13th October will be our first school photo, so please remember **no PE kit for Robins on Monday 12th October**. Owls photos will be taken on Tuesday 13th October, so school uniform as usual.

Over the past two weeks, we have...

- Improved our fine motor skills using scissors, tweezers, and nuts and bolts, holding a paintbrush, holding a pencil or crayon etc.
- Talked about what makes us special
- Shared Elmer stories
- Read Squash and a Squeeze
- Enjoyed our Friday 'Dough disco'
- Learned how to subitise - say what we see without counting

Reading

From Monday 28th September, children will be bringing home wordless books to share with you. Books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday in school. We hope you enjoy making up stories with your children as you share the pictures. Feel free to write any comments in your child's reading diary. To preserve our books, we ask that water bottles are **not** kept inside book bags.

To support your child's early reading journey, we would like to invite you to a **reading workshop for parents, on Monday 5th October at 2:15pm**, to be held at your respective base (Robins parents at Brockham, Owls parents at Betchworth). This will give us the opportunity to share our Phonics programme with you, and explain how we encourage a love of reading.

Wanted

- Recycling materials for junk modelling - no bigger than a cereal box please. **No glass and no medicine packages please.**
- We have run out of dough disco resources! We would really appreciate donations of ingredients for making play dough - flour, cream of tartare, salt, oil

Reminders

- Please remember to name ALL clothing, shoes, PE bags and water bottles.
- Please send your child in with a named coat **each day**.
- Please continue to practise taking jumpers off and doing up coats independently.
- Please provide your child with a named water bottle **every day**.

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

- Share the story of We're Going on a Bear Hunt
- Collect objects and make an autumn collage together
- Recognise and order numbers to 5 using Numicon and other maths equipment
- Enjoy our music sessions using Charanga and a range of percussion instruments
- Develop our pencil control in readiness for writing

Date for the Diary

Our first curriculum day will be on Friday 6th November when Owls will spend the day with Robins at the Brockham site for the whole day. Full details will be provided nearer the time.