Year R Learning Letter

Friday 9th October 2026

Edition No. 3



We loved meeting you all at Parent's Evening this week and it was a lovely opportunity to celebrate your children's start to school with you. Please remember to advise us of any changes to collection arrangements for your child, as this will prevent a phone call to check with you, before your child is allowed to leave at the end of the day. Following on from our parent information sheet shared before starting school, we would like to clarify that we will let you know at the end of the day if your child has had a major bump but we will not share minor injuries with you (eg grazes), as these are very common in Reception. **A reminder that school photos will be taken on Monday (Robins) and Tuesday (Owls). No PE kits on these days, as all children should wear full school uniform please.**

In the last two weeks, we have…

- Focussed our learning around the stories 'We're going on a bear hunt' and 'Can't you sleep little bear'
- Developed our subitising skills
- Practised using a range of equipment in P.E.
- Continued our PSHE topic 'Being me'

In the next two weeks, we will …

- Finish our phase 1 learning in phonics and we will begin learning our letters and sounds after the half term break. Please see the attached teaching schedule.
- Practise our pencil grip in our Penpals sessions
- Develop our letter formation skills
- Focus our learning around The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Wanted

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

Reminders

- 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.
- Please practise taking off and putting on shoes and socks independently
- **Check name labels - have they fallen off/ worn off?**

Reading

We hope you found our reading workshop helpful and please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions on how to support your child's reading at home. 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!

Please help us to look after our reading books by keeping water bottles and coats out of book bags.

Friday 6th November - Curriculum day at Brockham Base

As part of our learning about bonfires and fire safety, Robins and Owls will spend the day together at the Brockham base. Owls should be dropped off at, and collected from, the Brockham base. Anyone who usually attends breakfast club at Betchworth on a Friday, can attend breakfast club at Brockham. As we will be outside for most of the day, please send your child to school wearing **school uniform on top, jogging bottoms and wellies. They will not need a book bag but will need a water bottle and waterproof coat.** We hope to include marshmallow toasting and will cater for vegan, vegetarian & gluten free diets but if you would prefer for your child not to participate in this activity, please let us know.

Year R Letters and Sounds

We will be introducing a new sound (phoneme) 4 days a week and consolidating letters on the Friday.

Please see list below so you are aware which sounds have been covered.

Date	Sound of the day
Monday 2nd November	s
Tuesday 3rd November	a
Wednesday 4th November	t
Thursday 5th November	p
Monday 9th November	i
Tuesday 10th November	n
Wednesday 11th November	m
Thursday 12th November	d
Monday 16th November	g
Tuesday 17th November	o
Wednesday 18th November	c
Thursday 19th November	k
Monday 23rd November	ck
Tuesday 24th November	e
Wednesday 25th November	u
Thursday 26th November	r

Date	Sound of the day
Monday 30th November	h
Tuesday 1st December	b
Wednesday 2nd December	f/ff
Thursday 3rd December	l/ll
Monday 7th December	ss

Phase 2 Tricky Words (Common Exception Words) we will be learning this term.

the	to	I	no	go
into				