Year R Learning Letter

Friday 13th November 2026

Edition No.4

The children have settled back into school very well after the half term break and our first shared day together was a great success – 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! We would like to take this opportunity to remind you to keep your children closely supervised at the end of the day. If children run ahead when leaving the school site, they may not remember to stop before reaching the road. May we also remind you that bikes and scooters should not be ridden in the playground.

In the last two weeks, we have…

- Introduced our new PSHE topic 'celebrating difference'
- Discussed fire safety
- Started learning the Samba in our PE lessons
- Use objects to make comparisons, using mathematical language e.g. 'more', 'fewer', 'the same as' and 'equal'
- Practised our scissor skills

Over the next two weeks, we will…

- Continue learning phase 2 letters and sounds, along with tricky words
- Develop our reading skills through books with words
- Practise our pencil grip, remembering to use our 'pinching fingers'
- Develop our letter formation skills
- Learn about dinosaurs, using the story of Harry and his bucketful of dinosaurs as our focus
- Develop our subitising skills

Notices and Reminders

With winter fast approaching, please ensure your child has a warm, waterproof coat in school **every day**.

As the quantity of outer layers increases in our cloakrooms with hats, scarves and gloves please may we remind you to **name everything!**

To support your child's independence, please help them by practising putting on and zipping up their own coat. It is helpful if they know how to pull their coat sleeves out, as these are often left inside out after taking their coat off.

Reading

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our reading workshop. Your child's early reading journey is so exciting and opens up a whole new world to them. Reading **every day** will help them develop confidence and a love of reading that, we hope, will instil a lifetime love of reading.

To help you with the pronunciation of sounds, you might like to watch this short video clip
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwJx1NSineE

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