



Year R Learning Journey



Week beginning: 23rd February 2026

This week our topic is old and new

In Literacy we will be learning about old and new toys. We will be looking at similarities and differences between old and new toys and we will be describing them using 'wow' words (adjectives).

In maths we will be learning about the numbers 9 and 10.

If you have any old toys from your childhood that you are willing to donate to the school please let your child's class teacher know.

Thank you!

For your information

It was wonderful to see those of you that could make it to our handwriting workshops. We hope it was an informative insight into how we teach handwriting with a focus on building strength that the body needs, appropriate pencil hold and correct formation of letters. Attached is the wording we use to form the letters and an image of the letters. Any questions please do speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to help!

Sounds and words of the week:

Please practise the sounds and tricky words that your child does not know from the Spring 1 assessment sheet given. Children need to be able to recognise the phoneme and read words with it in. They also need to be read tricky words on sight as they cannot be decoded.

Home Challenge

Can you be a human balancing scale? Ask your grown-up to pass you an object to hold in each hand. Which is heavier? Which is lighter? How can you show this with your arms? What happens if they weigh the same?



How you can help at home

- ✓ Keep practising with your child their sounds and key words. Can they write these? A few minutes a day can make a difference!
- ✓ Practise talking to your child about the terms "heavy/heavier" "light/lighter" and "balance."
- ✓ Watch The Old Toy Room Story [The Old Toy Room | Twinkl Originals Children's Book Reading](#)

This week's vocabulary words:

Can you help your child to learn these words and what they mean?

Old, new, thick, thin, postman, postwoman, postal worker, van, envelope, stamp



Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds Reception Phonics Home Learning



Phase 3 - Spring 2 Week 1
Focus - Phase 3 phonemes

Please support your child to practise and reinforce the phonemes and graphemes we are learning in school. More information and support can be found on the Little Wandle website -

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Phonemes we will be focusing on this week in school -

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We will be reading and writing words. *Can you spot segment and blend these words and spot this week's phonemes?*

tail

deep

fight

load

food

hard

born

surf

foot

town

boil

hear

We will be reading sentences. *Can you spot any tricky words? Can you segment and blend the words and look out for this week's phonemes?*

The man has a long boat.

He has buckets of carrots.

The night is dark.

The cat has a curl in his tail.

We put the rabbit down on the carpet.

We will be practising tricky words. *Can you spot the tricky part of the word?*

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