

Year R Learning Journey



Week beginning: 2nd November 2026

This week our topic is Fireworks and Diwali

The children will be learning about Diwali and Bonfire night, and talking about how they are celebrated. We will be writing firework poetry together, thinking about the colours and noises that the fireworks make. In Maths we will be learning about the composition of numbers.

We will also be making glittery firework pictures by using our gross and fine motor skills.

Please remember

Please write in your child's reading record when you have read with them. Please practise sounding out and blending words. We want all blend to be able to blend words by Christmas.

INSET DAY on Monday 2nd November

Thank you!

Key words of the week:

put pull full as

The sounds we are learning this week:

ff ll ss j

Home Challenge

We are learning all about fireworks. It would be lovely if you could work with your child to create a firework picture or model. You could see how you can recycle the household recycling in your house to create different fireworks. Your child can either bring in their creations to share or you can take a photo to peg onto the home learning board.

Thank you for your support.

How you can help at home

- ✓ Keep testing children daily with their sounds. Can they write the sounds?
- ✓ Go on a sound hunt around the house – what objects can you find that start with the sounds learnt?
- ✓ Continue looking for numbers. Can you find them on doors, shops, around the home, on the way to school?
- ✓ Please note that we are unable to check children's bookbags. Please can you support your child in getting anything to share out of their bag in the morning. We love to celebrate home learning!

Little Wandle – Letters and Sounds Reception Phonics Home Learning

Phase 2 – Autumn 2 Week 1
Focus – Phonemes ff / ll / ss / j

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 –



Pronunciation Phrase – ff

Open your lips a little; put your teeth on your bottom lip and push the air out to make the sound **fffff fffff**

Digraph (ff) –
two letters, one sound



Pronunciation Phrase – ll

Open your mouth a little; put your tongue up to the top of your mouth, behind your teeth, and press **llll llll**

Digraph (ll) –
two letters, one sound



Pronunciation Phrase – ss

Show your teeth and and let the s hiss out **ssssss ssssss**

Digraph (ss) –
two letters, one sound



Pronunciation Phrase – j

Pucker your lips and show your teeth use your tongue as you say **j j j**

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

huff	off	bell	till
mess	hiss	jug	jet

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?*

A bell in a bed.

The jam is red.

I can huff and puff.

It is a mess!

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

is	the	I	as