

# RECEPTION NEWSLETTER



Week Commencing 4th May 2026



## Phonics

**Mrs. Dawson's group** are reviewing all Set 1 single-letter sounds speedily. They are blending independently using Phonics Green Word Cards (Word Time 1.1 to 1.5). They are spelling using Fred Fingers.

**Word time - 1.2(3)    Word time - 1.3 (1)**



**Mrs. Blackford's group** are reviewing Set 1 sounds speedily and reading Word Time 1.7 words (words with double consonants and 4- and 5-sound words). They are learning special friends and reviewing Word Time 1.1 to 1.6, reading 3- and 4-sound nonsense words, and spelling using Fred Fingers.

**Word time 1.6 (6) (nk)    Word time - 1.7 (1) (mix)**



**Miss. Ayott's group** are earning Set 2 sounds and reviewing all Set 1 single-letter sounds speedily with word time 1.6 and 1.7 including words with double consonants and 4 & 5-sound words. They are learning to read longer words and spelling using Fred Fingers.

**oo (look)    oo (zoo)**



**Mrs. Cummings' group** are reviewing Set 2 sounds and learning to read them speedily. They are reading the matching Phonics Green Words including longer words. They are reading Set 2 nonsense words and spelling using Fred Fingers

**Word Challenge Set 2 - Lesson 5 & 6**



## QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILDREN THIS WEEK.

- Can you remember the ingredients of the Gruffalo crumble?
- How does a caterpillar become a butterfly?
- What does the word symmetrical mean?

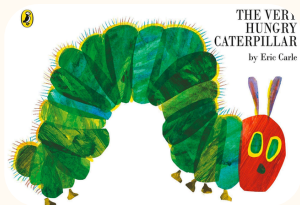
A polite reminder that, as the weather gets warmer and sunnier, we kindly ask parents provide children with a sun hat. We also advise applying sunscreen on in the morning before school, as we are unable to apply sunscreen to the children during the day.

We are continuing our focus on handwriting. To support your child at home there is a helpful website called Handwriting Repeater (<https://handwritingrepeater.app/>).

-Mrs Blackford and Mrs Dawson  
and the Early Years team

## Maths

This week we will continue to count forwards and backwards to and from 20. Children will explore one more and one less than numbers to 20, as well as comparing numbers. We will use ten frames to show our understanding.



## Our book this week

We will be reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. We will learn about the life cycle of a caterpillar and make connections with other animals and people how we change over time.

## Gruffalo Activities

Following our theatre trip, we had a wonderful time completing a range of linked activities. We made Gruffalo crumble, clay Gruffalos, log pile houses, and Gruffalo hats, and even went on a treasure hunt in the deep, dark wood!

