



Friday 3rd October

A super week in school; the children are coming in much more settled and ready for learning. The Colour Monster has been a very powerful book to use with the children and to encourage them to talk about different emotions. The children have also loved looking at, and recreating art work in the style of, Ben Giles. We will continue exploring emotions next week and thinking about what to do when we feel angry or sad to help us feel better. We will also be doing some colourful science experiments!



Phonics

We are so pleased with the progress that the children are making in Phonics. We have now introduced the letters s,a,t,p,i,n,m and d. The children have been taught how to correctly pronounce these sounds as well as how to form them. They have begun orally blending sounds together to make 3 letter words in phonics lessons as well as exploring our new sounds more widely in our classrooms. For more information on blending please watch the video on <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/>



Reading

On Monday, children will receive their first 'blending pack'. These are precursors to scheme books and comprise of a series of words made up of the taught sounds we have covered so far in phonics. We will do at least 1 weekly 'check-in' of these sounds with the children at school to monitor their blending skills. Please practice segmenting and blending all of the words in your child's blending pack every day at home and please try to ensure the packs are in their bookbags everyday so we can practice with the children during the day.

Mathematics We have consolidated our understanding of the numbers 1, 2 and 3 this week learning how to recognize these numbers in different contexts. Next week we will focus on the numbers 4 and 5—recognizing, counting and composing them in different contexts.

Thank you for your donations of food for our Harvest Festival. All of our donations will be taken to local food bank organizations to help those most in need.



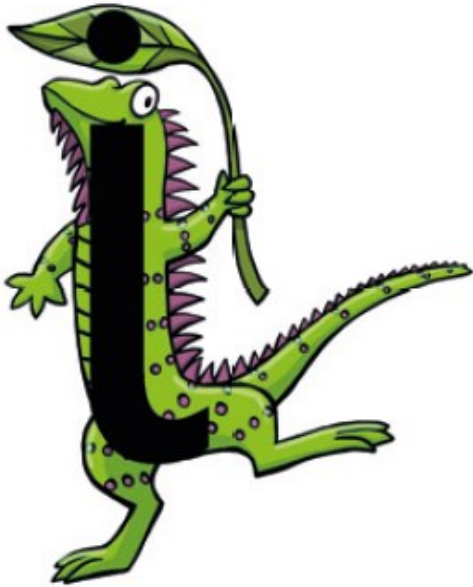
Individual Photos

These will take place during Friday 10th October. Children should wear correct school uniform with a jumper / cardigan. Because of photos this week, Cygnets need to be in school on Friday in school uniform. We will do a fun games session of P.E. after photos that won't be as intensive and won't need P.E. kits.

Phonics Meeting

A reminder that there will be a short parents phonics meeting at school on Tuesday 7th October just before normal pickup. If you are able to attend, please wait at the main school entrance at 2:45 ready for a 2:50 start. The meeting will finish just before pickup.

We hope you can make it!



pull your lips back and make the 'i' sound at the back of your mouth

i i i

Down the iguana and dot its leaf



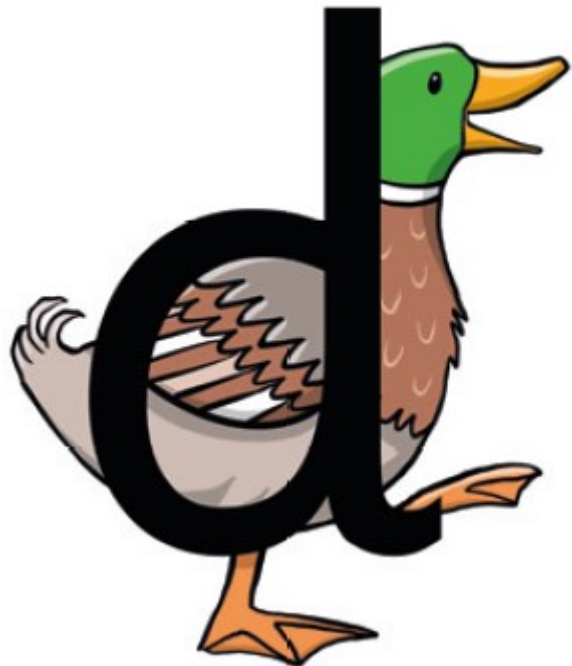
Open your lips a bit, put your tongue behind your teeth and make the **nnnnn** sound **nnnnn**

Down, up and over the net



Put your lips together and make the **mmmm** sound **mmmm**

Down, up and over the mouse's ears



Put your tongue to the top and front of your mouth and make a quick **d** sound **d d d**

Round the duck's body, up to its head and down to its feet.