



Friday 13th March

A big thank you to everyone who was able to see what we've been up to in class this week with our Social Action Project. The children were really proud of the work they have done this week and we really hope our amazing posters will be a big difference to our local areas and remind people not to litter. Next week we are leaving Earth as we explore space. A reminder that next week we are hosting a stay and play session at Bromsgrove library. **Goslings session is Tuesday at 2pm and Cygnets is Friday at 2 pm.**

Phonics

This week we have been focusing on words with 2 digraphs. A digraph is where two letters work together to make one sound like 'sh'. The children are really growing in speed and confidence recognising these trickier sounds inside words.

Learning tricky words is a big part of early reading. We like to use songs to help build the children's confidence in recognising key tricky words which they really enjoy singing. Here are the links to 2 of our tricky words songs which you may like to explore with your child at home:

Phase 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvMyssfAUx0>

Phase 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R087lYrRpgY>

Reading

Once we feel your child is confident with all of our Little Wandle books, they will move on to colour banded books with the first colour being Pink 1. These books have a wider variation in terms of length and included sounds. Our initial books have certain focus sounds in short sentences. Our aim is for all children to have moved on to banded books by the end of the year to help ready them for Year 1 and beyond who also use the colour banded system.

Maths We have been exploring what happens to numbers past 20 and exploring the repeating pattern. We have also been strengthening our understanding of odds and evens.

Stay and Play

If you are able to attend then please meet us at the library for a 2pm start. There will be some free time to explore the library with your children as well as a story from the librarian. If you haven't had an opportunity to sign up for a library card then this is something you can do during the session if you would like to. We will be taking back our remaining children back to school at around 2:45 so we can be back in time for the end of the day. You can take your child home straight from the library but they will only have all of their things with them if you let us know ahead of time if you are able to attend the session—a big thank you to those that have let us know!