

Reception Newsletter

Week Beginning – Monday 2nd November 2026

We wish all the Reception children and their families a well-deserved break and lovely half term. We are so proud of how well they have settled into school life and we look forward to returning after half term to continue their learning journey.

Please remember to contribute towards our African Drumming workshop that is due to take place on Thursday 5th November. This can be done on Parent Pay.



Boom Reader logins



All Boom reader and Bug Club logins have been sent home in children's book bags. If you have not received this, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Please make sure you comment at least once a week on your child's phonics reading book.

Phonics - Phase 2

This week, we will be completing a recap of the Phase 2 sounds taught so far – **s, a, t, p, l, n, m, d, g, o, c, k** and **ck** and practise reading CVC words with these sounds by saying the sounds and blending them together, k-i-p is kip.

On BugClub, we have set the children games for the taught sounds to complete over half term. This will be shown on the Phonics tab. These are fantastic way to support your child with recognising the letters, sounds and blending the words that we have been learning in school.

For Phonics, we use pure sounds, so we don't add 'uh' on the end of words.

Please follow the link for a video for pure sounds.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc>

For more information on Phonics, please come along the Phonics and Early Reading workshop for parents on **Friday 6th November at 9:15am.**



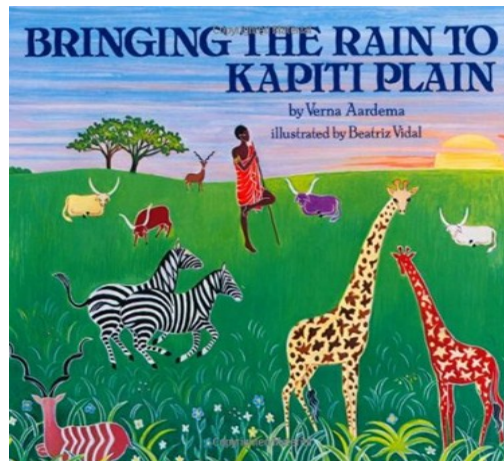
We expect children to access Bug Club every week and we expect parents to write at least one comment on Boom Reader every week.

Literacy

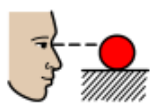
We will be starting our new book
Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain.

We will be:

- Writing CVC words
- Talking about animals
- Using recently introduced vocabulary
- Retelling the story through role-play
- Generating questions about the country of Kenya



Vocabulary from our new book -



browse,



migrate,



pasture,



creatures,



belated



shadow,



heavy,



stock,



herd,



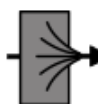
slender,



bow,



arrow,



pierce,



overheard,



loose,



cattle

Topic Coverage

The children will be:

- Responding to celebrations creatively through collage, painting, transient art for Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day. Talking about different celebrations and events (CLL)
- Learning about the significance of Remembrance Day (UTW)
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Understanding the World – Remembrance Day

The children will be learning about Remembrance Day. They will participate in very special Remembrance service in our school garden. In class, we hope to create our own poppies which will stand proudly during our service.

In preparation for this we would like to collect the
bottoms of any drinks containers.

If you would like to donate to the British Legion Poppy Appeal, there will be a link available on Parent Pay.

We are hoping that we raise enough money to purchase poppy wreaths to lay during our services.

Thank you

Miss Martin and Mrs Sullivan



Mathematics

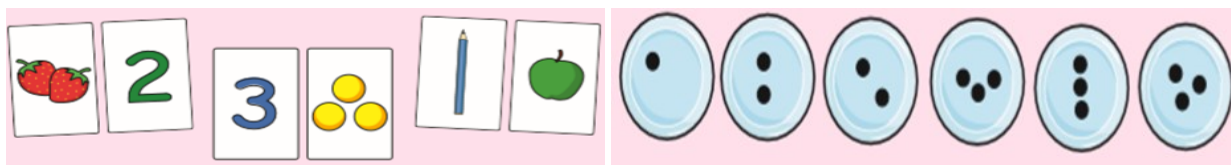
White Rose Maths Block 3

Focus: It's me 1, 2, 3!

This week we will be starting our new topic 'It's me 1, 2, 3!' The children will explore different representations of 1, 2 and 3, finding them in the classroom.

They will match the verbal number names to numerals and quantities. The children will be counting to three using objects in different arrangements by touching each object as they count. They should recognise that the final number they say is the quantity in that set.

They will move onto subitising groups of 1, 2 and 3 items. This will allow them to develop an understanding of what each number looks like, and what it is made up of. At the end of the week, the children will build on their learning as they create their own different representations of 1, 2 and 3 using different objects.



Key Instant Recall Fact

Our key instant recall fact for this half term is subitising numbers to 5.

Subitising is when you are able to look at a group of objects and know how many there are **without** counting. This only works with small groups of objects, as we can only subitise up to 5 things.

Please practise with your child regularly so that they can do this confidently.



Physical Education

We will begin our new unit of Ball Skills. Children will develop their ball skills through the topic of 'minibeasts'. Children will develop fundamental ball skills such as rolling and receiving a ball, throwing to a target, bouncing and catching, dribbling with feet and kicking a ball. Children will be able to develop their fine and gross motor skills through a range of game play using a variety of equipment. Children will be given opportunities to work independently and with a partner.

Mole Class will have PE on Tuesday.

Badger Class will have PE on Friday.

Hedgehog Class will have PE on Thursday.



We are excited to announce that we will be celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week. This begins on **Monday 9th November**.

Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood development and education, as well as being fun, they are also excellent teaching tools.

Nursery rhymes and children's songs boost vocabulary and language development. They help children to develop early numeracy and literacy skills and social, physical and emotional skills.

On **Friday 13th November**, we would like the children to come into school dressed up as a Nursery Rhyme Character of their choice, to share with their class.

Costumes can be homemade and do not need to be bought.

The more creative, the better! We would expect the children to be able to recite the Nursery Rhyme they have come dressed up as.

We will be singing Nursery Rhymes throughout the week and will have a special Nursery Rhyme parade when the children are dressed up.

We will be celebrating Nursery Rhymes all week and can't wait to see what they come in as on the **Friday 13th November**.

The official songs for World Nursery Rhyme Week 2026 are:

- **Doctor Foster Went to Gloucester**
- **Hickory Dickory Dock**
- **1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught A Fish Alive**
- **Row Row Row Your Boat**
- **Pussy Cat Pussy Cat**

Expressive Arts and Design

This week we are learning all about bonfire night and so we will be creating artwork inspired by fireworks.

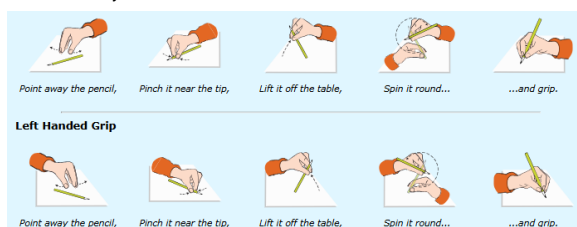


Home learning

Please support your child to complete their home learning pack during half term that you received during your parents evening appointment.

Bug Club and Doodle Maths logins have been sent home, please make use of the wonderful books, games and maths learning available!

Our next handwriting pattern will be wavy lines.



I Can Write My Name Every Day!	
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

Reminders



Reading workshop

Please come along to our Phonics and Early Reading workshop for Reception on Friday 6th November from 9:15am where Miss Samuels will be going into more detail about how to help your child with reading.



Library

Please remember to send your child's library to school so they are able to swap it and get a new book.

Junk Modelling

If you have any small boxes, cardboard tubes, milk tops, egg cartons, empty bottles please bring these in to help replenish our junk modelling stations.

If you have any lids from squeeze yogurt or jelly pots, we would welcome these too!



Thank you from the Reception Team!