



Friday 21st October 2022

Dear Parents,

Little Wandle / Reading

This week the children have completed the new **phonemes** (sounds) and **graphemes** (print) ck, e, u, r

The children have now completed

s	a	t	p
i	n	m	d
g	o	c	k
ck	e	u	r

The children will be assessed after half term on their knowledge of GPC. GPC is '**Grapheme Phoneme Correspondence**' and it's basically to see that they can say the correct phoneme when they see the grapheme.

Please check the Reception blog on the school website, it has new posts with links to websites with videos and games to supplement your child's learning at home. The half-term break is a great time to have a go at these.

Every child has a reading record. They are the little yellow books and it is great for us to get a picture of when, what and how your child is reading at home.

After half term it is very important for all children to bring in their book bags containing their reading records every day. The children have to read three times a week and it's not always at the same time each week. Reading records will be collected from the children every Thursday, updated and given out every Friday.



Letterjoin Handwriting

The children have been working extremely hard on their handwriting. They are all at very different stages of development and this is quite normal.

It would be great if you could work with your child on their letter formation during the half term holiday and give them practise with writing their names.

If your child is finding it hard to form their letters please try patterns

Choose a pattern to draw

The image shows a grid of handwriting practice patterns. The patterns are arranged in three rows and two columns. The first row contains: a circle, a spiral, a swirl, three vertical lines, three horizontal lines, a plus sign, two parallel slanted lines, two parallel slanted lines in the opposite direction, and an 'X'. The second row contains: a wavy line, a series of 'm' shapes, a series of 'u' shapes, a zigzag line, and a square wave pattern. The third row contains: a series of 'e' loops, a series of 'o' loops, a series of '8' loops, a series of 'c' loops, and two asterisks.

If your child is ok forming their letters, give them practise with **individual letters** remembering that all letters start at the bottom with the lead and end with a hook.

Phonics Phase 2 Click on the sound to start

The image shows a grid of phonics buttons for Phase 2. The buttons are arranged in two rows and eight columns. The first row contains: s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d. The second row contains: g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r.

Please don't be tempted to sit your child down for half an hour, please do work for as long as they are happy to do it.

Have a great half term.

Mrs Hyde.