

Dear Families,

What a lovely week we have had! We have started our focused phonics and maths sessions and have been really impressed with how ready the children are for learning. In particular, we have focused on learning the first four phonics sounds and counting objects slowly by pointing to each one as you say the number. Alongside this, the children have continued to learn each other's names and develop friendship groups. It has been brilliant to see groups of children playing in the role play area, water area and making tunnels outside with the tyres.

If you would like to continue this week's learning at home, it would be really helpful for you to **practice the sounds we have learned**. To do this, point to each sound and encourage your child to say the sound and do the action which goes with it. If your child is keen, they could have a go at writing the sounds in this book. We would also love you to **decorate the front cover** of your Home Learning Journey with a drawing or photograph of your family. This week we are also sending home a reading book. Your child will not be able to read words at this stage but you could share the story with them and see if they can spot any sounds that they recognise.

Next week we will be beginning our topic on Fairy Tales. Our learning will be themed around the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and we will be discussing our favourite part of the story and thinking about length, height and capacity.

Many thanks for your support,

The Reception Team

Sounds to practice:

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