

Reception Newsletter

Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

In Literacy this week, we have learnt our new sounds **h, b, f** and **l** and recapped the sounds **s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, e, u** and **r**. We have now learnt the tricky words **l, is** and **the** and are busy practising reading these words by sight instead of sounding them out. After the half term holiday, we will be assessing your child on their phonics knowledge so far and will ask your child to say the sound as each grapheme is shown to them. They will have a go at blending CVC words using some of the letters they have learnt so far e.g., **sat, man** and **hug**. Feedback will be sent home once this has been completed. In the meantime, please encourage your child to keep practising their sounds and either orally blend the sounds in words or read the sounds in words to blend if they are ready. Playing games such as I Spy can help the children to hear the initial sound in each word.

In Maths this week, we have been comparing and ordering objects by their capacity. We began by exploring containers of different sizes and learnt that capacity is the maximum amount that something can hold. We used the mathematical language of 'This holds the most' and 'This holds the least' and explored how containers look when they are full and empty. After the half term holiday, we will be introducing simple patterns and learning that a pattern can be recognised as a repeated unit and can be both visual and auditory.

In our topic work this week, we have been learning about hibernating animals and their habitats. We have found out about which animals hibernate and how they adapt their surroundings to survive throughout the winter. Next week we will be learning all about Diwali and how and why some people celebrate this tradition.

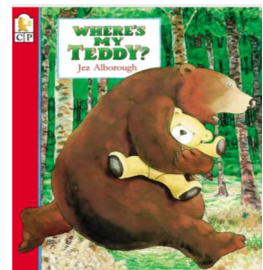
Please click on the link below to share this week's autumn song with your child.

[Hibernation song](#)

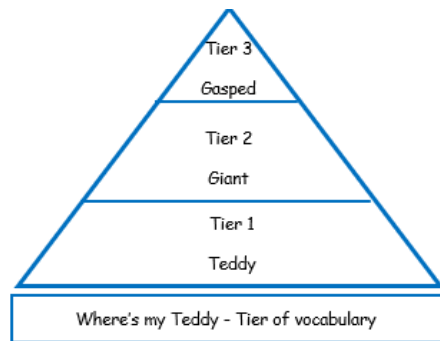
This week's 'Talking Topic' is: **I can tell you about some animals that hibernate.**

Following on from our enquiry learning, this week's word of the week is: **Hibernate**

Our class reader this week is: **Where's My Teddy?**



Here are the key words below that we have been exploring with the children this week during our class reader sessions.



Throughout the next half term, we will be starting our enquiry learning 'Festival Fun and Super Celebrations.' If you have not yet returned your enquiry learning question, then please bring this back to school during the first week back.

If you do have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to write them in your child's orange home/school book.

Many thanks

Mrs Molloy, Miss Vine and Mrs Rothwell and the Reception team