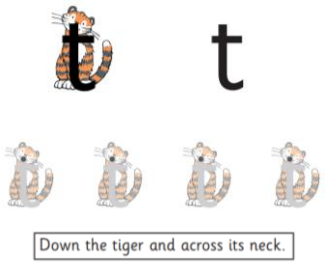
Reception Newsletter

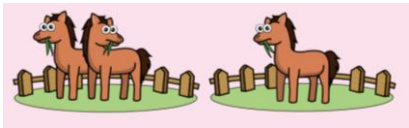
Friday 20th November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have been learning the sounds **z**, **qu** and **ch**. We have learnt the tricky words **go**, **no**, **to**, and **into** and revised all the tricky words taught so far. We have also been continuing to encourage the children's skills in blending the sounds to read words using their word boxes, literacy based games and reading books. Please continue to practise blending sounds with your child, listening carefully for the words they can hear. Please ensure that you sign in your child's reading diary book once your child has completed their reading book at home and feel free to make any comments to let us know how they are doing with their reading at home. In our handwriting sessions this week we have been focusing on forming the letter **t** correctly. Please encourage your child to keep practising their letter formation in their handwriting folders at home.



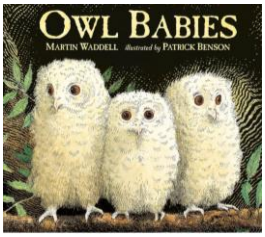
In Numeracy, the children have been introduced to the idea that all numbers are made up of smaller numbers, and these are referred to as the parts of the number. Learning to see a whole number and its parts at the same time is a key development in children's number understanding. This week we have been working practically to explore ways to partition a whole number, so they can find different parts which make the same whole. The children were asked key questions such as 'How many different ways can you make 1/2/3?' and 'Can you make the same number in a different way?' Next week we will be exploring 2D shape focusing on circles and triangles. We will be identifying, naming and comparing circles and triangles and looking for shapes in the environment. We will also be exploring and describing position.



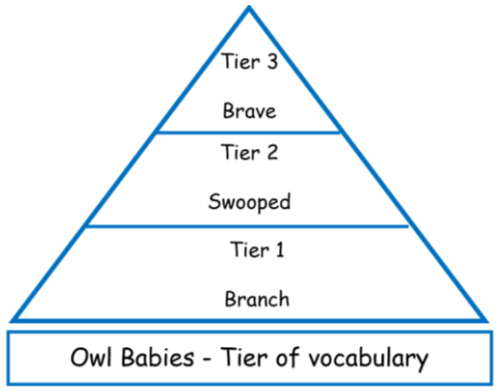
During topic this week we have learnt all about the different nocturnal animals and how they adapt to survive in their environment. We sorted animals into day and night sets. We also enjoyed sharing the stories 'Room on the Broom' and 'Owl Babies' and acted out the 'Owl Babies' story using masks, playing the different roles in the story. Next week we will be learning about our homes. To help with your child's learning please email a picture of your house to: newsletters@woodhouse.calderdale.sch.uk

We are busy preparing for our Reception Christmas Spectacular which will take place on **Tuesday 8th December at 9:15am**. We would like some of the children to have a little face paint applied on their nose on the day of the assembly. Please let us know, via the Home/School book, if you do not want your child to wear face paint or if they are allergic to it. Please purchase your tickets for our Christmas Spectacular through the shop on Arbor before Monday 7th December at 12pm.

Our class reader this week is: **Owl Babies**



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



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

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

Ten Little Owls song

Thank you to Fern's dad who was our Mystery Reader this week. The children waited in anticipation to find out who their Mystery Reader was and thoroughly enjoyed listening to his story. We can't wait to find out who it will be next time?

The children are doing so well at coming into school independently and we are very proud of them for this. Please can we ask that parents/carers do not come into the Reception cloakroom area in a morning to give the children the space they need to organise their belongings independently. Members of the YR team will be on hand and ready to help if your child needs any support with this. Thank you for your understanding.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 8th December at 9:15am – Reception Christmas Spectacular.
Thursday 10th December at 4:30pm – Carols around the tree
Monday 14th December – Reception Christmas Party. (The children can come to school in their party clothes).
Thursday 17th December- School Christmas Carol Service at St John's Church (pupils only).
Friday 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day.

This week's 'Talking Topic' is:

I can tell you about nocturnal animals and how they survive in their environment.

Many thanks

The Reception team