

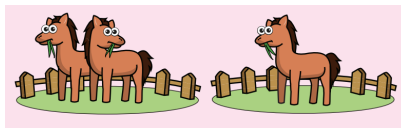
Reception Newsletter

Friday 21st November 2025

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 letters **i** and **j** correctly. We will be repeating some of the letters that the children have already learnt to form. This will allow for lots of opportunities to practise the correct letter formation whilst saying the phrase to help them. Please encourage your child to keep practising their letter formation in their handwriting folders at home.

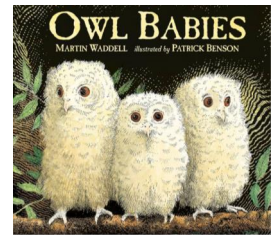
In Numeracy, the children have been introduced to the idea that all numbers are made up of smaller numbers, and these are referred to as the parts of the number. Learning to see a whole number and its parts at the same time is a key development in children's number understanding. This week we have been 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.



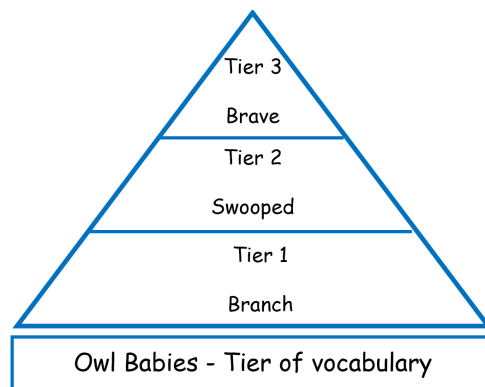
During topic this week we have learnt all about the different nocturnal animals and how they adapt to survive in their environment. We sorted animals into day and night sets. We also enjoyed sharing the stories 'Room on the Broom' and 'Owl Babies' and acted out the 'Owl Babies' story using masks, playing 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 **Wednesday 3rd 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 Tuesday 2nd 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 Vinnie's mum 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 her story. We can't wait to find out who it will be next time?

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 3rd December at 9:15am – Reception Christmas Spectacular.

Thursday 11th December at 4:30pm – Carols around the tree

Monday 15th December – Reception Christmas Party. (The children can come to school in their party clothes).

Thursday 18th December- School Christmas Carol Service at St John's Church (pupils only).

Friday 19th December – Christmas Jumper Day.

This week's 'Talking Topic' is:

Many thanks

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

The Reception team

