

Reception News

This week we are reading one of our favourite books, 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. We will be learning about nocturnal animals, including owls and will find out who visits our woodland when we've all gone home.

This week we are learning:

Phonics – this week we are learning the digraph 'oa' in words such as goat, foal, moan and the trigraph (3 letters that make one sound) 'igh' in words such as high, sight and fright. We will also continue to learn the tricky words we and are.

Literacy – Iggy Inference will be helping us to be detectives when we read books, looking for clues about how characters are feeling or why things have happened. We will also be continuing to look at sentence structure, will read Owl Babies and will write speech bubbles for the characters in the story.

Maths – we are focusing on capacity and will be comparing and ordering different sizes and shapes of containers. We will be measuring using natural resources such as pinecones and acorns as well as sand and water.

Jigsaw – our Jigsaw focus for this term is 'Our Dreams and Goals'. This week we will be talking about obstacles and support. We will be thinking about what sorts of things make it difficult for us to achieve our goals and how we can all help each other to succeed.

Music – We are continuing to listen to *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, by Paul Dukas. We will continue to explore how music can tell a story and will think of ways to move to the music. We will also be looking at percussion instruments.

PE – we are continuing with our seated balance. This week we will build on the skills that we learned last week and will be moving objects from one side of our body to the other whilst staying balanced.

Handwriting – we will continue with our long ladder letters. This week we are learning y and j.

Other – we will be exploring different creative medias to make 'Owl Baby' pictures, learning about features of different owls, exploring silhouettes with torches and will look at nighttime videos to find out which animals visit our woodland when we've all gone home.

Reminders

- PE kits – the children have been doing a great job getting changed for PE and most are able to change independently with just a little help with buttons or turning sleeves through. We have been very impressed with their independence.
- Next week we will be making rockets using junk modelling materials. If anyone has any of the following, we would be very grateful for donations – small cardboard boxes, kitchen roll tubes, plastic pots i.e. yoghurt pots & plastic bottles.
- Mud – with all the rain that we've had recently, our outside areas are rather muddy. Please forgive us if the children come home a little dirtier than usual. If children get very muddy or are wet, we will always give them a change of clothes, but we don't worry about a little dirt.

"Every child should have mud pies... and any child who has been deprived of these has been deprived of the best part of his education" - Luther Burbank.