



## Phonics and Reading

We are continuing in our different phonic groups this week to help support the children's learning.

In Miss Beckett and Miss Cook's phonic groups learning ow (prowl), oi, ear and air.

Mrs Sharlott and Mrs Glasspool will be learning nk, ai and ee.

Please keep practising your child's gap sounds from the gap sheet sent out before Christmas. Do check the pronunciation videos to ensure you are saying the sounds correctly.



Figure 2: Phase 2 sounds



Figure 1: Phase 3 sounds

## What we are up to this week...

### Literacy

In literacy, we are focusing on a trip to the dentist. We will look at the time Miss Cook visited the dentist and write about what happened.



### Handwriting

We are exploring different ways to strengthen our muscles as this will help with our handwriting. This includes bear crawling, mark making, climbing, monkey bars, sweeping, carrying heavy items etc.

We will continue to practise writing letters in the jumper family which include h, b, r, n, m and p as well as the special squirter letter, e.

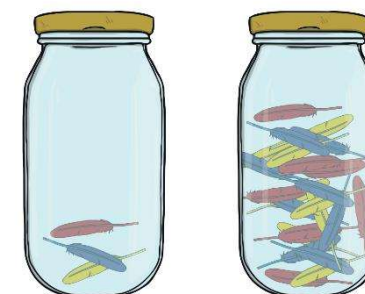
## Maths

We are continuing to learn about different kinds of shapes. This week we will focus on rectangles, and how they are different to squares.

With our number work, we are learning about more and less, comparing quantities of objects.

Please do use the language of less and more at home with your children.

**More or Fewer?**



## The wider curriculum

In our PSHE learning, we are thinking about safety inside our homes and all around us. You probably do talk to your children about being safe inside the home, but make a special effort to do this over the next couple of weeks.

We are continuing to do our Forest School sessions on a Wednesdays and this week, we will going on a scavenger hunt to see what we can find in the woods in the winter.

## Regular Reminders

As the weather is often wet and windy, please consider sending in waterproof clothes/trousers or spare clothes and socks as we do allow the children to go outside in all weather and they may get soggy.

Reading folders need to be handed in every Friday so we can change the children's books and give out the stickers which work towards earning their reading badge.



## Our topic this term...

### People Who Help Us

If you are or know a police officer, doctor, firefighter, dentist, dental nurse, nurse, etc, anything along those lines, please come and talk to your child's class teacher and we can arrange for you to come along and share information about your job. The children find it so interesting, and they love to receive first hand experiences of what your job entails.

