

EYFS Home Learning – Friday 18th September 2026

This week, the children have continued settling into their classes and have begun their phonics lessons. We have learnt four new GPCs (Grapheme-Phoneme Correspondences) and have been practising how to write them correctly using our formation phrases. Please encourage your child to practise correct letter formation at home.

New GPC and mnemonic	Pronunciation Phrase	Formation Phrase
s snake 	Show your teeth and let the s hiss out sssss	Down the snake from head to tail.
a astronaut 	Open your mouth wide and make the a sound at the back of your mouth aaa	Around the astronaut's helmet and down into space.
t tiger 	Open your lips; put the tip of your tongue behind your teeth and press ttt	Down the tiger and across its neck.
p penguin 	Bring your lips together, push them open and say ppp	Down the penguin's back, up and around its head.

We have started playing oral blending games in class. Oral blending is when children listen to individual sounds and put them together to make a word. For example:

c-a-t → cat

d-o-g → dog

s-u-n → sun

You can support oral blending at home by:

Playing "sound talk" games (e.g. "Can you find your c-o-a-t?" or "Can you put on your h-a-t?")

Sounding out simple words during everyday activities and encouraging your child to say the whole word

Playing guessing games where you segment a word into sounds and your child blends them together

Your child has also brought home a sharing library book to enjoy with you. Please spend time looking at and talking about the pictures together, discussing

what is happening in the story and predicting what might happen next. We kindly ask that you initial your child's reading record each day that you share a book together.

We will begin our guided reading lessons next week, so your child will receive a school reading book from next Friday to support their developing reading skills.

We have also been doing lots of fine motor activities to strengthen the muscles in our hands and fingers, helping to develop pencil control and handwriting skills. You could try some of these activities at home:

- Playdough squeezing, rolling and pinching
- Threading beads or pasta onto string
- Using tweezers to pick up small objects
- Cutting along lines with child-safe scissors
- Pegging clothes pegs onto card or containers
- Drawing, colouring and tracing activities

We would love to see what you get up to at home, please upload any pictures of home learning to tapestry for us to share and discuss.

Thank you for your continued support at home.