

27th June 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

We had a wonderful time at Bockett's Farm! The children gained a huge amount from the visit. All of the children behaved extremely well and we even received a special certificate for recycling our lunch packaging! A huge thank you to all of our helpers — we could not have gone on this trip without your support.

Phonics:

Please continue to practise the Phase 3 long vowel sounds and Phase 2 digraphs previously taught. Our focus this week is on words ending in '-ing' (e.g. *groaning*, *sleeping*, *painting*) and '-ed' (e.g. *scooped*, *started*, *floated*). Please revise all of the tricky words from Phases 2-4. (See Evidence Me post on 17th May.) Following our recent tricky word assessment, we will send home a highlighted sheet of the words that your child still needs to learn. Please practise these at home regularly.

Reading:

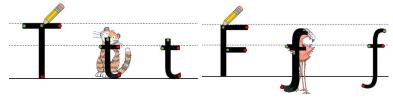
A number of reading books have not been returned. We are short of books and sets are incomplete. This has a huge impact on our ability to read with children in groups. We would be grateful if you would check at home and return books promptly on Mondays (Little Wandle books) and Fridays (home readers).

Maths:

We are working on using a number line to add up to 3 numbers and using the language of sequence (e.g. first, next, then, last) to create maps and describe a journey. We will also be working on even number sequences. Please continue to practise number bonds to 5 and 10 with your child at home. Your child should have mental recall of these facts.

Handwriting: We have two focus letters this week:

- 't' use the catchphrase 'From the tiger's nose to his toes, then follow the stripe across the tiger.'
- 'f' use the catchphrase 'Down the flamingo's neck, all the way to its foot, then across its wings.'



When working on handwriting at home, please ensure that your child uses a **lead** pencil (no felt tips/colouring pencils/biros please). Your child should be sitting comfortably and holding the pencil with the correct tripod grip.

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Thank you for your continued support,
The Reception Team