

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fun and busy week! On Thursday, we enjoyed our skipping workshop followed by a whole school show at the end of the day. We are regularly going on to the field at lunchtime. Please do remember to send your child in with a hat (named!). We are practising our song for Music on a Summer's Afternoon, which will take place next Friday afternoon. Following this, after pick up, you are welcome to come into the classroom to share your child's learning with them.

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 'er' (e.g. *brighter*) and 'est' (e.g. *smartest*)). 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 are missing. 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).

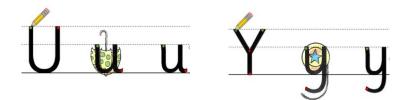
Maths:

We are continuing working on using a number line to add up to 3 numbers. We shall be working on even number sequences. We shall also be looking at "D shapes and how shapes can fit together to make new shapes. 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:

'u' - use the catchphrase 'Down and around the umbrella, stop at the top, and down to the bottom with a flick.'

'y' - use the catchphrase 'Down and around the yoyo, then follow the string around.'



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.

Thank you for your continued support, The Reception Team