The Reception Round-Up

26th September 2025

Snapshots of the Week

This week in Reception we have been super busy and have started lots of new learning! The children were very excited to begin their Little Wandle phonics sessions, where they enjoyed learning their very first sounds. In maths, we have been exploring the numbers 1, 2 and 3, making these numbers in different ways using objects and showing them on our fingers. We have also been thinking carefully about our feelings, using the Zones of Regulation and The Colour Monster to help us recognise and name different emotions. The children learned that there is no such thing as a 'bad' feeling – feelings are simply feelings – and it was wonderful to hear them sharing their ideas so thoughtfully.

Little Wandle Phonics

This week we have learnt the sounds:

s, a, t, and p.

We have also been practising blending sounds together. We have played games such as: 'What noise does the animal make' and 'can you do the action'. For example, can you c-l-a-p and can you make the sound of a d-o-g.

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Next week in Reception, as part of our 'Incredible You' topic, we will be learning all about where we live. The children will explore a world map and globes to find the United Kingdom, before discovering the four countries that make up the UK and learning about the capital city. We will also take a closer look at our own town, Leamington Spa, and talk about what makes it special.

How you can Help Your Child at Home

To help your child at home, you can support their fine motor skills, which are key for building the strength and control they need for writing. Fun activities like playing with play dough and joining in with some "Dough Disco" moves are a great way to exercise their fingers. Simple threading activities, such as using pasta and string, are also excellent for building coordination. Peeling and placing stickers is another way to strengthen those small muscles, and encouraging mark making with chalk, paint, and felt tips helps children practise early writing skills.

Notices

We would love to make a display in the Buttercups classroom about 'Our Families'. Please post a photo on Tapestry and I will be able to print it out 😊

A polite reminder to make sure all jumpers and cardigans are labelled. Thank you.