

Reception Newsletter

Friday 8th May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have been reviewing all of the phase 3 sounds and sorted the **ar/or** words such as garden and morning. We have been recapping all the tricky words learnt so far and learnt the new tricky words **were**, **here**, **little** and **says**. This week in our handwriting sessions we have been forming the letter **k**.

In Numeracy, we have been becoming more familiar with numbers beyond 10 and the pattern of numbers to 20 and beyond. We have been practising describing teen numbers as two parts and used the numicon ten and unifix cubes to build teen numbers practically. The children were asked questions such as 'How will you build the number 10/11/12/13?' 'What number have you built?' 'What do you notice about that number?'



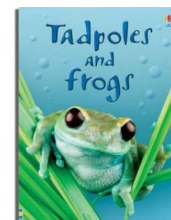
In topic work, we have been learning about the life cycle of a frog, sharing the story 'The trouble with tadpoles' and finding out further information from our 'Tadpoles and Frogs' information book. We have sequenced the pictures of the life cycle of a frog, thinking about what comes next in the process of changes taking place from a tadpole to a frog.

After the half term holiday, we will be starting our 'Now I am Big' topic. Please could a photograph of your child as a baby be emailed to us at newsletters@woodhouse.calderdale.sch.uk. This will help your child complete their Enquiry Learning work.

Please click on the link below to share our frog song from this week with your child.

[5 Little Speckled Frogs](#)

This week we have shared the book 'Tadpoles and Frogs.'

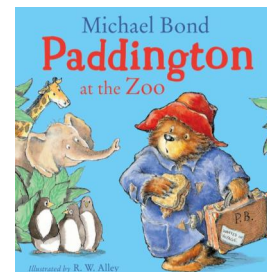


I can tell you about the life cycle of a frog.

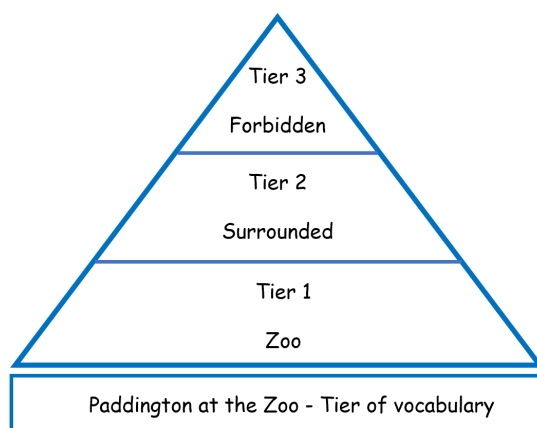
This week's 'Talking Topic' is:

Our word of the week is: **Amphibian**

Our class reader this week is 'Paddington goes to the zoo.'



Here are some of the words that we have been exploring from our class reader this week.



Thank you to Reuben's grandma who was our Mystery Reader last week. The children waited in anticipation to find out who their Mystery Reader was and thoroughly enjoyed listening to her story. We can't wait to find out who it will be next time?

Thank you to RM for all of your lovely buns! The children thoroughly enjoyed selling their buns to the rest of the school. All proceeds made during the Friday bun sale are sent to our chosen school charities for this year.

On Monday 18th May RV will be going on their Reception trip to Ponderosa and on Wednesday 20th May RM will be going on their Reception trip to Ponderosa. You have already received further information with more details regarding this trip. If you do have any questions then please just ask.

If you do have any concerns or questions do not hesitate to write them in your child's home/school book.

Many thanks
The Reception Team