



Foundation Stage News

November 12th 2022



Light and Dark

We have had a lovely week thinking all about light and dark, night and day. One of the main texts we read was called 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'. Poor Plop was afraid of the dark at the beginning of the book, but after talking to people about why they liked the dark, and going outside to experience night time, he saw how beautiful the dark can be. We thought about things that we were afraid of, and what we could do so that we're not afraid of them anymore.

Using translucent and opaque materials, we had the opportunity to make beautiful collages that look a little like stained glass windows. You might have spotted them stuck up on the windows of Star Room. We also drew pictures of the day time and night time and decided what to draw in each one.

At home you might like to continue the discussion at home around light and dark, night and day and the difference between the two. You might like to get out torches at night and investigate different materials in the dark, such as shiny materials, or different coloured materials to see which ones you can see best.

Songs we have sung this week

Here are a couple of the songs we have enjoyed this week. Please click on the links below to go to a YouTube version. You might also find your own alternative versions which the children will love to sing with you.



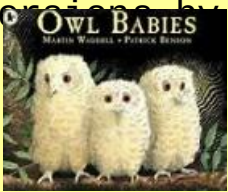
[The Owl Song Star](#)



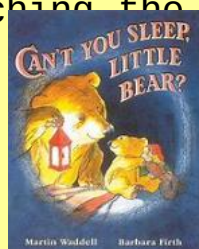
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Books we shared this week

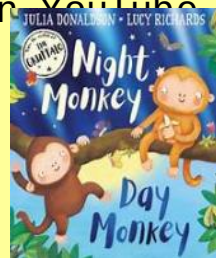
Each week we will share a collection of quality books with the children. They may be stories or information books. We try to link our books to the different areas of learning to help the children to deepen their understanding and to broaden their vocabulary. We also choose stories with no obvious link, just for pleasure. Below are the books we have shared this week. It is always good to revisit these books at home so that you can have conversations with your child about their experiences in school. If you do not have these books at home you may be able to find them at your local library or often there are video versions by searching the title on YouTube.



'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell



'Can't you Sleep Little Bear' by Martin Waddell



'Night Monkey, Day Monkey' by Julia Donaldson



'Oscar and the Moth' by Geoff Waring

Read Write Inc. Phonics



Last week we taught the letters u, b, f, e and l. Please use the links below to revise these letters at home if your child is not secure yet in recognising and saying the sound for each letter:

[Letter u](#) [Letter b](#) [Letter f](#) [Letter e](#) [Letter l](#)

Next week, in our Speed Sound session, we will be teaching the children to recognise the shape and sound of each of the following letters: h (on Monday) sh (a 'special friend' on Tuesday), r (on Wednesday), j (on Thursday) and v (on Friday).

Below are links to a Read Write Inc. video which you can watch with your child. They will be proud to show you what they have learned. The following links will be accessible for 10 days. Please wait until the day each letter has been taught in school before sharing the video at home:

[Letter h](#) [Special friends sh](#) [Letter r](#) [Letter j](#) [Letter v](#)

Fred Talk Game: [Body parts \(part 2\)](#)

Parents Evening

You may have noticed that the rest of the school are holding parents evening in November. In Foundation Stage we like to hold our parents evenings a little later. This gives us even more time to get to know your children, to see how they respond to what we are teaching them, and how best to support them in their learning journeys. For this reason we would like to hold our parents evenings in January.

We would also like to remind you that we are always available if you have any queries or concerns, no matter how big or small! Please don't leave them until parents evening to ask. We will always discuss things with you if there's anything you need or want to know.