

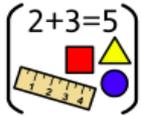


# Early Years Newsletter 14th February 2025

In our class this week we have been reading the story of the Frog Prince. We have enjoyed creating frogs with curly tongues using different techniques in the creative area as well as practising our different facial expressions for the different emotions in the story. We learnt about the Royal Family and talked about Kings and Queens where they live and what they do to help us. The Princesses golden ball sunk to the bottom of the pond and so we decided to find out what things float and sink. We found different items inside and outside the classroom and guessed if they would float or sink before we tried it out. At the easel we tried using pastels to create pictures of Lily ponds like the artist Monet. During outdoor learning we have enjoyed making bridges and singing 'London Bridge is falling down'. We also built a campervan and went on holiday to Turkey.

## Phonics Groups

After half term children some children will be changing phonic groups. Your child's teacher will send home a letter with more information letting you know which group your child is in. You can help your child by reading their book or Ditty sheet when it is sent home.



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## One More, One Less

One Less	My Number	One More
	<b>2</b>	
		



**LAKESIDE** PRIMARY ACADEMY

Ducklings  
Star of the week

**Chadinma**

I have been a superstar this week because  
Amazing phonics progress

This week we have continued to practice our one more, one less counting. We have been using objects to represent one more and one less and solving real life problems with people getting on and off the bus.

**LAKESIDE** PRIMARY ACADEMY

Cygnets  
Star of the week

**Wahenor**

I have been a superstar this week because  
Being a good learner.



Thank you for your support.

**Ditty 1: pop**

Speed sounds: read the sounds (not the letter name)  
a g t p n s d o i

Slow Words: read these words by blending the sounds together  
not got sip pop dad did dog

Read Words: read these words but tell your child the word if they get stuck  
i the

I got pop

dad got a sip

the dog did not



Remember not to read the Ditty to your child first. As your child reads the Ditty, to assist and give your child plenty of praise.

**Read Write Inc.** Phonics

**On the bus**  
Set 1 Story 1  
a e i o

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**Read Write Inc.** Phonics

**Sound Blending 2**

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## STORY OF THE WEEK

Words we are learning...



Marry  
Cross  
Pond  
Promise  
Palace



Please use links from previous newsletters to practice saying the letter sounds.

Here are some interactive games you can play at home to practise reading words:  
<https://wordwall.net/resource/2103075/cvc-word-match-game>

This week our emotion is 'annoyed'



We talked about how some people can get annoyed by loud noises, when they find it tricky to do something like tie up our laces and how to help us we can take a deep breath and have another go or talk about what is annoying us.



Link and QR for The Frog Prince  
<http://tinyurl.com/5xc2x868>



## At Home Challenge

Some activities you could try at home with your child this week:

- Ask your grownups and about things that are special to them and share your memories of special times.
- Practise zipping up your coat.
- Go for a walk or play a game with your family.



## Sound Blending Book

Click here for a link to the blending books to help you read at home.

Sound blending book 6

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/api/interactives/30664.html>

Oxford Owl student log in:  
Username: LakesideEYFS  
Password: EYFS25



Scan here to listen to a bedtime story!

<http://tinyurl.com/2p4ba33j>

