

## Reception Newsletter Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

Thank you everyone for another good week!

Bank Holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – SCHOOL CLOSED

Half Term 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Date for your diary: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - INSET day – school closed to children

### This half term our theme is

### Why are there little creatures?

We will learn about minibeasts through stories like 'What the ladybird heard' and also creatures that live in a rock pool



including the story 'Sharing a shell'

### Attendance

w/e 01/05/26

Briggs: 82.3%

Donaldson: 97.3%

Hargreaves: 85.8%

Seuss: 90%

### Absence from school

If your child is going to be out of school for any reason, please ring the school office before 8:00am on the first day they are away, stating reasons for absence.

Tel: 0208 6897684

### Achievement Certificates

Hargreaves: Mehrmah and Mirha

Seuss: Amir and Zainab

Donaldson: Mohammad Ayan and Ayra

Briggs: Datt and Maryam

### Reading

Books are fully decodable, which means there won't be any sounds or words in the book that your child hasn't learnt yet. Your child will be confident to blend the words to read the sentences and will be able to answer the questions in the back of the book.



We would be grateful if you can listen to your child's reading, and make a comment on how they read. Do they sound talk and blend, do they read the text fluently? Are they beginning to read with expression (prosody)? Can they answer a question or talk about the pictures?

Please make sure all jumpers are clearly marked with your child's name, and teach them to put it away safely in their school bag.

We have lots of useful information on the school website including recent blogs.

<https://www.winterbournnurseryandinfants.co.uk/>

Please continue to follow the school one-way system.

# Phonics

Next week's tricky words are: *there, when, what, one*

We will be learning to read Phase 4 longer words (e.g. shampoo and present) and compound words (two root words create a new word with a new meaning, e.g. windmill).

See if you can read this sentence – remember to look out for the digraphs/trigraphs and tricky words. Sound talk and blend any words if you need to.

*The second chimpanzee got a present.*

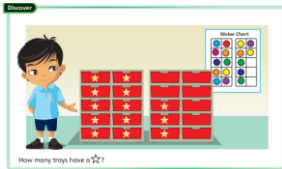
The Little Wandle website has lots of helpful tips on how to help your child with their phonics including how to pronounce all the phonemes. The link can be found on our school website.



## Maths:

This week we have learnt to find 1 less a number by taking away 1 and by counting backwards.

Next week we will learn to count on to 10 and 20 by holding the starting number in our heads.



How many trays have stars in the first unit?

How do you know there are 10 trays in the first unit without counting each tray?

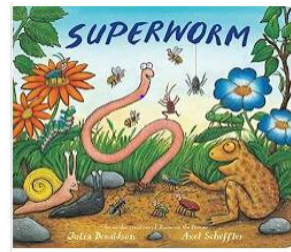
How many trays have stars in the second unit?

How many trays have stars altogether?

Do you need to start counting from the first unit?

## Literacy:

Next week we will be reading 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson.



We will continue to talk about the different minibeasts we can see in our stories. We will explore who the characters in the story are and work on writing sentences to describe them.

We will also talk about how we can be kind to others and how we can be kind to minibeasts around us.

Watch the story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K%20LrRNtSqiUc>

Who are the characters in the story?

What things can Superworm do?

Why do you think he is called 'Superworm'?

Our breakfast club runs from 7.30am – 8.45am, Monday to Friday, so book your place as soon as possible through the office if you would like your child to attend.

Do you have a 3-year-old or know someone with a 3-year-old? Or does your child turn 3 this year? We have spaces in our Nursery.

Visit the office for an application form. We cannot wait for you to join the Winterbourne family!



If you have any queries or questions for your child's teacher, please use the class email below. We aim to respond within 24 hours.

Briggs Class: [briggsclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:briggsclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk)

Donaldson class: [donaldsonclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:donaldsonclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk)

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