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Dear Reception Families,

The children loved learning about worms last week and getting stuck into some messy paint play with wool to make worm trails! They explored how worms feel using noodles and loved learning facts about worms and their habitats. It was very handy that there was also a 'worm moon' last week! We also enjoyed celebrating World Book Day and loved everybody's costumes, thank you for your support with this. The children have also loved playing in our new outdoor area!

Learning

This week, we will continue our learning about minibeasts, with a special focus on spiders.

We will be reading the story *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle.

We will learn some new vocabulary with actions, including; spider, **web**, **spin**, **silky thread**, **fence** and **meadow**.

Can your child tell you the meaning of the words?

We will be drawing spiders, labelling their parts, making books of spider facts and designing posters to tell people why spiders are amazing!

Handwriting

We are continuing to teach handwriting following the *Little Wandle* programme. This approach links handwriting directly to the phonics children are learning, helping them form each letter with the correct starting point, direction and movement. At this stage, the focus is on developing strong foundations: sitting correctly, holding a pencil comfortably, and learning the letter formation phrases that match the sounds taught in phonics. You may hear your child talking about "letter families" or repeating the formation phrases they use in class. These help them build secure habits and confidence as writers.



If your child wants to practise at home, short, fun activities such as drawing, colouring, tracing, or writing in sand or shaving foam are ideal. Please avoid teaching alternative letter formations, as consistency with the *Little Wandle* approach really supports progress.

Thank you for your support as the children begin their handwriting journey.

We are beginning with the '**curly letter family**'. Below, are the letters we taught last week.



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Grapheme	Formation phrase
	Around the goat's face, and curl under its chin.
	All around the octopus.

Phonics

This week we will revisit the following sounds; **er, ow, oi and ear.**

Perhaps you could practice reading these words at home, they will come up during our phonics sessions; **fur, surf, curl, cow, town, owl, oil, coil, join, fear, near, beard.**

We will also revisit and review the following tricky words; **was you they into my by all.**

Maths:

This week, we will be exploring number bonds to 10. Number bonds are a pair of numbers that add to a specific total and are crucial in developing children's number sense. When learning about number bonds, children start by looking at the whole, which could be 10, and they explore how they can break it down into smaller parts to discover as many ways as possible that the whole can be partitioned. We will learn a rhyme to help us remember them, perhaps you can practice it at home too!

Number Bonds Rhyme
This can be done with finger actions to show the bonds.
 5 and 5 add up to 10
 6 and 4 make it again
 7 and 3 they also do
 Guess what! So do 8 and 2
 9 and 1, 10 and 0
 Learn them all, you're a number bond hero.



Other Areas of Learning:

- **UW (Understanding the World)** – we will be learning about spiders; why they are not actually insects, what they can do and why they are amazing creatures!

- **PSED (Personal, social and emotional development)** – This term's PSHE unit is Healthy Me. This week we will learn what the word 'healthy' means and that some foods are healthier than others.

- **EAD (Expressive arts and design)** – we will be making spider crafts using paper plates, wool-weaving and pipe cleaners.

- **PD (Physical development)** - We will learn to use a baton to push beanbags and balls.

Notices/reminders:

-We would like to enhance our new mud kitchen area with some exciting accessories for the children to use in this area. see attached for examples. If you have anything at home you would be able to donate, we would be very grateful. Thank you! **Thank you very much for our kind families who have donated resources so far.**

Kind Regards,

Mrs Morley, Mrs Duxon and Mrs Lewis

