



Reception weekly newsletter

Week commencing: 16.9.23

In school this week

This week we have been learning about the schools 5Rs.— Readiness, responsibility, resourcefulness, resilience and reflectiveness.

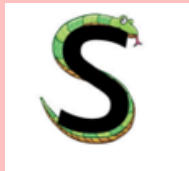
Our dinosaurs in Reception help us to remember these:



- Explorosaurus— I am ready
- Shareolophus— I am responsible
- Solve-o-saurus Rex— I am resourceful
- Stickosaurus and Tryatops— We are resilient
- Thinkodocus— I am reflective

Phonics

We have started our Phase 2 phonics learning this week. We introduced the following graphemes, using the formation phrases to support children with writing this letter.



Down the snake from head to tail.



Around the astronaut's helmet and down into space.



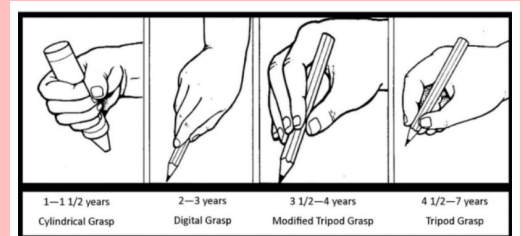
Down the tiger and across its neck.



Down the penguin's back, up and around its head.

For each grapheme we learnt its corresponding phoneme (sound); 's' as in sock, 'a' as in ant, 't' and in toast and 'p' as in peg. We practised saying pure sounds, to avoid adding an 'uh' sound at the end.

Home challenge: In Reception, we work on moving the children towards the tripod grasp whenever they are mark making (this includes writing, drawing, colouring, using chalk etc).



Use the letter formation sheets, sent home with your child today, to practise the correct grip and letter formation for this week's graphemes. Can you find things around your home that begin with these phonemes?

Please attempt the home challenges and share them with us on Tapestry.