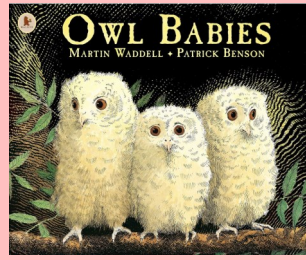


This week we have been reading the book 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. In this story, Percy, Sarah and Bill are left wondering if Mummy owl will come back. They imagine all sorts of things have happened and are relieved when Mummy owl returns with food for them just as she had promised.



## Reception weekly newsletter

Week commencing:  
07.10.24

### Phonics

We continued our Phase 2 phonics learning this week. We introduced the following graphemes:



For each grapheme we learnt its corresponding phoneme (sound); 'ck' was our first introduction to a digraph; two letters that make one sound, for example 'ck' as in sock. The other phonemes were 'e' as in elephant, 'u' and in umbrella and 'r' as in rainbow.

**Home challenge:** Practise letter formation using the sheets, sent home with your child today. Find a fun way to practise your name writing— a stick in the mud, finger in the sand, chalks in the bath!

### Maths

Our maths focus this week was about counting and recognising the amounts 1, 2 and 3. The children then made their own collections of items to show 1, 2 and 3.

We looked at the numerals that represent these quantities also.

Later in the week we introduced *subitising*— recognising an amount without the need to count, such as dot patterns on a dice, with our fingers and numicon shapes.



**Home challenge:** Play a game that involves using a dice— Use your subitising skills to recognise the amount without counting.

Home challenges are helpful ideas for you in supporting your child to consolidate their learning at home. Please feel free to choose those you feel are achievable for you and share on Tapestry.