

WELCOME TO ASTON CLINTON  
SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2025

# INTRODUCTIONS



Mrs Carol Macdonald - Headteacher



Mrs Katherine Cole - Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Melissa Garraway - SENDCO



Ms Tracy Tennes - Reception  
Teacher



Miss Lottie Day - Reception  
Teacher



Mrs Nicola Hillsdon - Reception  
Teacher (Mon, Tue)

Plus Teaching Assistants





## SETTLING IN

Staff will play alongside your children the first week of school, to get to know them and help them to learn the school rules and routines. When the children start full time, the staff will support them to learn the lunchtime and afternoon routines.



Phase 2 grapheme information sheet

Autumn 1

Grapheme and mnemonic	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
s s s	 snake	Show your teeth and let the s hiss out ssssss ssssss	Under the snake's chin, slide down and round its tail.
a a	 astronaut	Open your mouth wide and make the a sound at the back of your mouth a a a	Around the astronaut's helmet and down into space.

Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds  
Reception Phonics Home Learning



Phase 2 - Autumn 1 Week 1  
Focus - Phonemes s / a / t / p

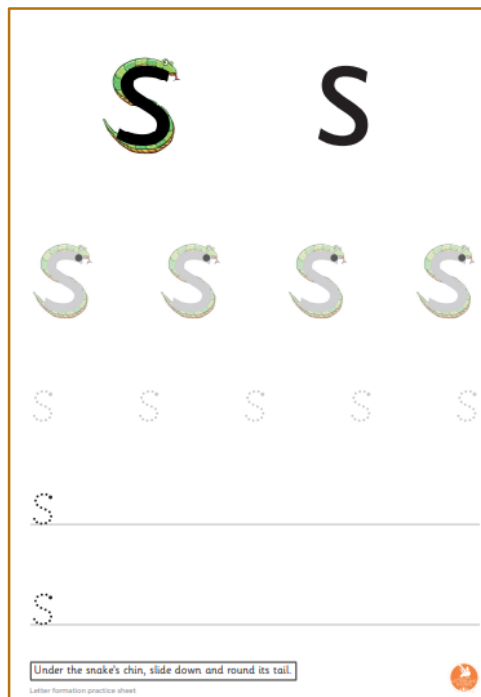
Please support your child to practise and reinforce the phonemes and graphemes we are learning in school. More information and support can be found on the Little Wandle website - <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Phonemes we will be focusing on this week in school -

 <b>s</b>	<b>Pronunciation Phrase - s</b> Show your teeth and let the hiss out ssssss	 <b>a</b>	<b>Pronunciation Phrase - a</b> Open your mouth wide and make the a sound at the back of your mouth a a a
 <b>t</b>	<b>Pronunciation Phrase - t</b> Open your lips, put the tip of your tongue behind your teeth and press t t t	 <b>p</b>	<b>Pronunciation Phrase - p</b> Bring your lips together, push them open and say p p p
	<b>Formation Phrase - s</b> Down the snake from head to tail		<b>Formation Phrase - a</b> Around the astronaut's helmet and down into space
	<b>Formation Phrase - t</b> Down the tiger and across its neck		<b>Formation Phrase - p</b> Down the penguin's back, up and around its head

We will be orally blending words. Can you hear the phonemes in these words? Can you listen and then repeat the word?

s - a - t      t - a - p      s - a - p  
p - a - t      a - t

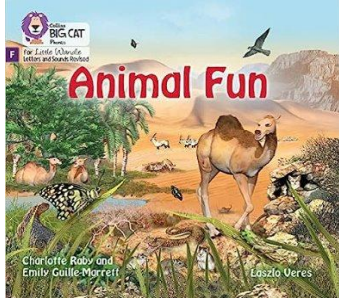
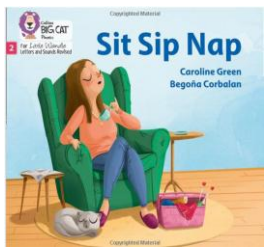


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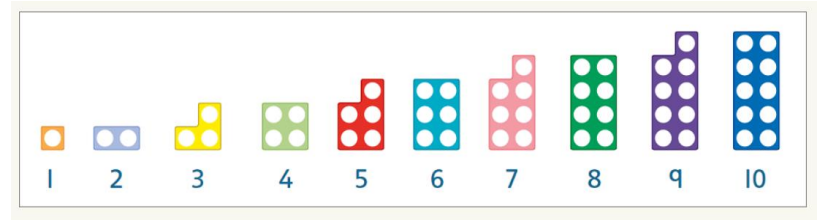
# PHONICS

Aston Clinton uses the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds phonics programme. Children participate in a daily phonics lesson.



# PHONICS - READING

When your child learns how to blend to read, they will bring home books that match the stage they are at. These books will have been read 3 times at school before they are brought home and are a great opportunity to celebrate your child's reading progress. Please write in your child's reading record anytime you read with them.



# MATHS - NUMICON

Your child will participate in a daily Maths lesson using the Numicon programme. We also watch Number Blocks.

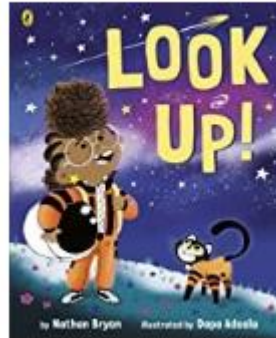
[Numicon](#)



## The Colour Monster



## Look Up



## The Leaf Thief



## Somebody Swallowed Stanley



## Ruby's Worry

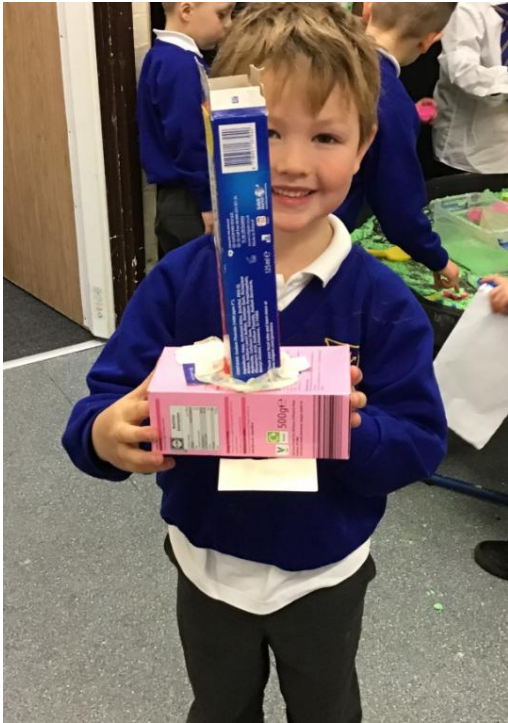


## The Gingerbread Man



# AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Each half term, our afternoon activities are based around our topic. Past topics include, Space, Animals and Supertato. We begin the year with the topic, How I feel.



## EXPLORING TIME

The children have three opportunities a day to explore in either classroom or outdoors. During this time, the staff will support their learning through play. Children will also work one to one with staff in a variety of activities.



PE

We have PE sessions once a week. Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit each week.



# FOREST SCHOOL

We have weekly Forest School sessions in all weathers. These sessions will relate to one of our weekly focuses or to a season.



## STORY TIME

Story time is an integral part of the day. Books are planned for based on the children's interests. Children have formal story time twice a day. There are book corners in each classroom. Each Friday the children take a reading for pleasure book home.



Character



Setting



Problem



Solution



# TALES TOOLKIT

The Tales Toolkit programme helps to develop children's story telling skills. We begin with oral story telling and move on to writing our own stories with short phrases.



What pet would like to have?



## SNACK TIME AND LUNCH

Children are provided with a piece of fruit or a vegetable daily. All children are entitled to milk until they turn 5.

For lunch, children can bring a pack lunch or order a hot dinner.



## Reception Weekly Newsletter: 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023



Dear Parents,

**If you have not yet paid for your child's trip to Odds Farm please do some as soon as possible.** If you have any worries or concerns regarding this or the trip in general please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

If anybody has any spare clothes at home that they no longer need we would really appreciate these. We specifically need socks, leggings and jogging bottoms. If you do have any spare clothes either send them in with your child or give them to a member of staff at the end of the day. These will be greatly appreciated.

As we are now beginning to practice for Sports Day in our weekly PE lessons, please can you make sure that your child is wearing **their PE kit EVERY THURSDAY**. Please also ensure that they are wearing appropriate shoes to run in and a sun hat to protect them from the heat whilst out on the field. It would also be really helpful if the girls could have their hair tied back on PE days so that nothing gets caught and they are all able to see clearly.

We hope you all have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing what the last half term brings.

*Thank you for your continued support,  
Ms Tennis, Miss Day, Mrs Hillsdon, Miss Bailey, Miss Culliton and Miss Parr.*

### Reminders

Please make sure that you are sending the children in with a named coat as the weather is changing constantly so the children are still required to wear coats when outside. Please also ensure that your child's jumpers, cardigans etc are all labelled to prevent any getting lost.

### Physical Education

We are going to continue our fun filled PE lessons every Thursday morning.

### What's coming up next week?



After half term, we will be looking at 'The Scarecrow Wedding'. We will be walking to Buckland church and discussing wedding ceremonies with Reverend Sally.

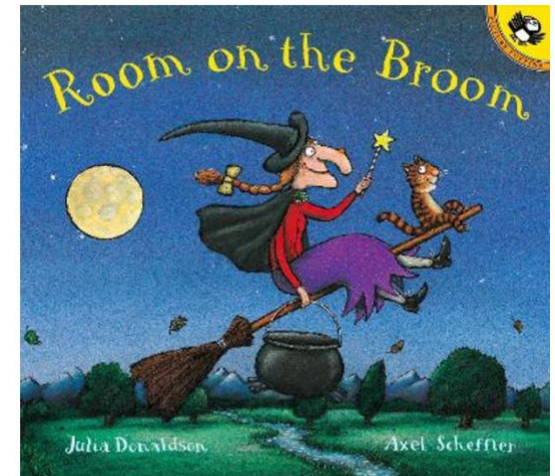
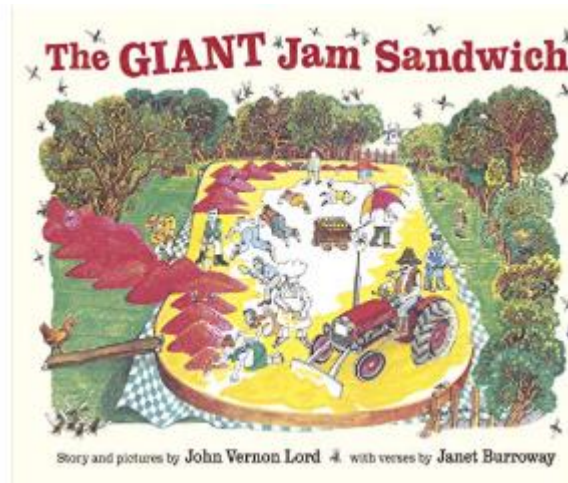
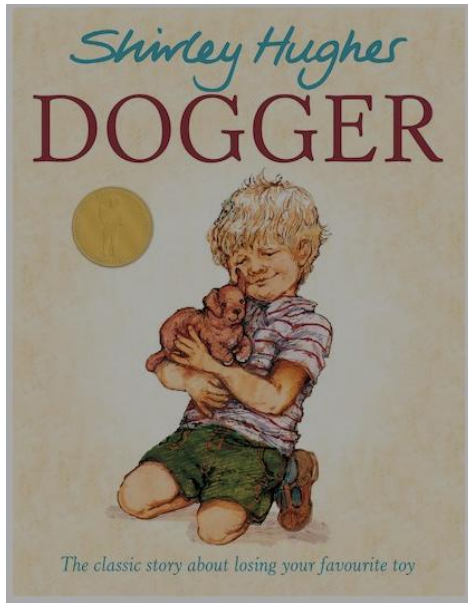
In maths, we will be looking at teen numbers. We will be working on identifying the features of 2D shapes and their names.

The rhyme for this week is 'Old Macdonald Had A Farm'. The nursery rhyme for this week is 'I went to visit a farm one day.' These can both be found on YouTube or BBC Nursery Rhymes if you would like to play these at home.



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Our Weekly Newsletter informs you of our weekly learning, events and our tier two vocabulary for the week.



## TALK THROUGH STORIES

Through this programme, we help children love each story and go on to use 'Tier Two' words (words they rarely encounter in every day conversation) from the story in everyday contexts. This extends and deepens the children's vocabulary so that children can understand the books they will soon be able to read for themselves.





## HOME LEARNING

We send home a range of activities to help you support your child's learning at home. Parents can share home learning via the On-line learning Journal, Tapestry.



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### Elmer Class

Classroom | Class Story | Messages | Portfolios

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Students | Groups

Whole Class	Antonio	Charlie	Chester	Elsa	Esme	Freddie	George	Hanni	Hazel	Huey
Isaac	Jude	Liam	Lyla	Marcella	Miss B	Miss C	Miss D	Miss P	Mya	Noah
Oliver	Olivia-Rose	Raven	Reggie	Reuben F	Reuben H	Vinnie	Add students			

Toolkit | Attendance | Select multiple | Random | Timer | Big Ideas | Dojo Islands (Beta)

# DOJOS

When the children complete any of our weekly challenges, they will receive dojos. The children can also get dojos for tidying up, being helpful and much more.



# EVENTS

Book Look  
Theatre Visit  
Christmas Concert

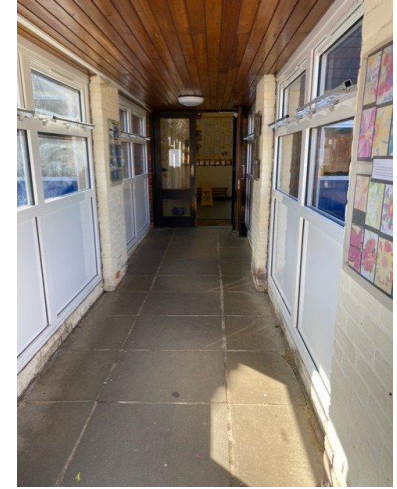
School Disco  
Forest School Stay and Play  
World Book Day

Fudge Day  
Waddesdon Manor Visit  
Dinosaur Day



## WHAT TO BRING TO SCHOOL

Please ensure your child has their book bag and water bottle every day.  
Keep a spare set of a clothes in their book bag in a plastic bag.  
Keep your child's reading book in a zippered wallet.



# HOME TIME

Please let us know if your child's normal collection routine is changing.



## HOW TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR SCHOOL

There are many things you can do to help your child get ready for school such as playing games, reading books, singing nursery rhymes and doing puzzles. <https://startingreception.co.uk/>



QUESTIONS?



[Home - Starting Reception](#)

[Getting ready for school](#)

[Learning to talk](#)

[National Literacy Trust](#)

[Tiny Happy People](#)

[Little Wandle For Parents\)](#)

[Numicon For Parents](#)

USEFUL WEBSITES