

# Reception – Summer 1 – April/May 2024

English – This half term we will continue to focus on the foundations of literacy. Developing the key speaking and listening skills children need to become fantastic readers and writers. At Picknalls we follow the Letters and Sounds programme, and we will be revisiting the phase 3 sounds embedding digraphs and in particular the use of digraphs in the children's reading and writing. You may find the following website useful <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> We will be focussing on the following letter sounds: - ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, oo, ar, or, ur, er, air, ear and ure this half term. We will focus on using these sounds in our writing and writing longer pieces of work.

Why not try some of these activities at home.



Hide the Pom Pom under a cup and ask a friend to guess what digraph it's underneath.



## Bouncy Blending!

Lay out 3 (or more if you are blending longer words) hoops. Place a sound next to each hoop. A child then jumps into each hoop, shouting out the sounds. When they bounce out of the final hoop, they blend the word aloud!



## Wash the word!

Listen to the word, find it and wash it away! Great for early blending practise!

Why not try tricky words, key words or numbers?!

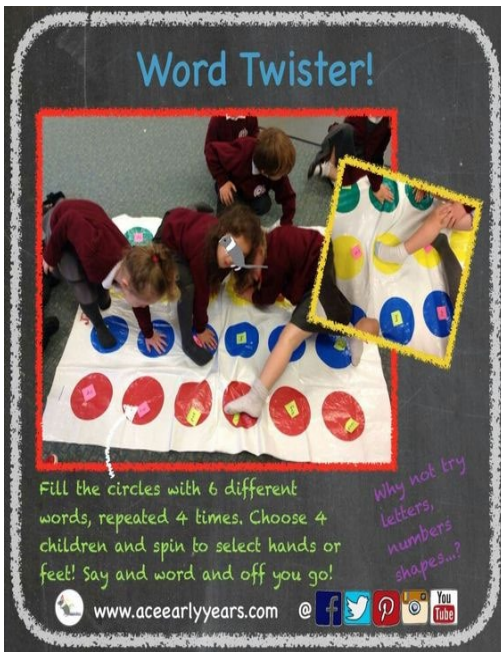


Sort the pictures and words to match the digraph.



## PHONICS BALL GAMES

early literacy play



## Word Twister!

Fill the circles with 6 different words, repeated 4 times. Choose 4 children and spin to select hands or feet! Say and word and off you go!

Why not try letters, numbers shapes...?



Writing in sand with feathers.

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Use the pictures below to inspire your imagination to write some amazing sentences. If you are feeling super fantastic clever you might like to try writing a short story. We would love to see your work. Please bring your work to school to show us.



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**Maths – This half term we will be continuing to look at our number formation. We will keep practising writing our numbers to 10 and then on to 20 and 30 and beyond. In particular we will be looking at correcting reversals. We hope you enjoy some of the activities below.**

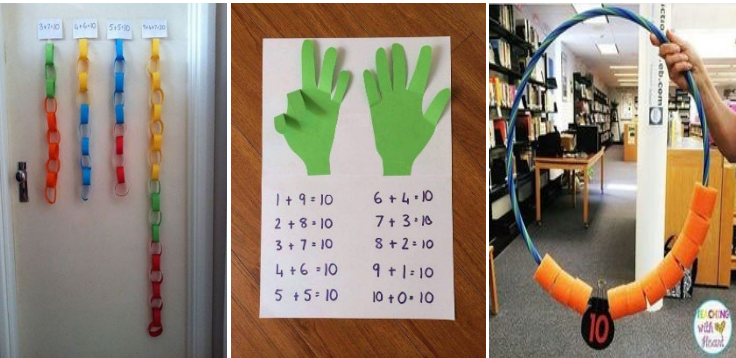
## Addition



## Subtraction



## Number bonds to 10



## Doubling



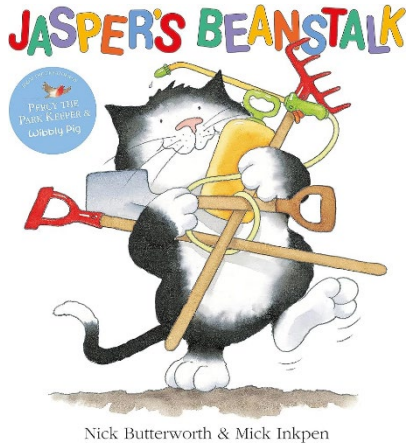
## Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.



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Connected Curriculum – This half term our topic is: **Where My Wellies Take Me**. We have provided details and some activity suggestions below to allow you to support your child's learning at home. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to talk to the Reception staff. We love to see what the children achieve at home so please feel free to send pictures to Mrs Jones at [ajones@picknalls.co.uk](mailto:ajones@picknalls.co.uk), Mrs Cornes at [lcornes@picknalls.co.uk](mailto:lcornes@picknalls.co.uk) and Mrs N Jones [njones@picknalls.co.uk](mailto:njones@picknalls.co.uk). Whilst we love to celebrate your child's achievements in the classroom if you confirm in your email, we are ok to use on the schools Twitter, Instagram and website we will also share/celebrate your child's achievements electronically with our wider school community.

Week Commencing  
8<sup>th</sup> April  
Jaspers Beanstalk



Nick Butterworth & Mick Inkpen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23INhyreb8M>



Week Commencing  
15<sup>th</sup> April  
Tree



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TOD3xNIFnOI>



8 Ways to Learn About  
*Trees*



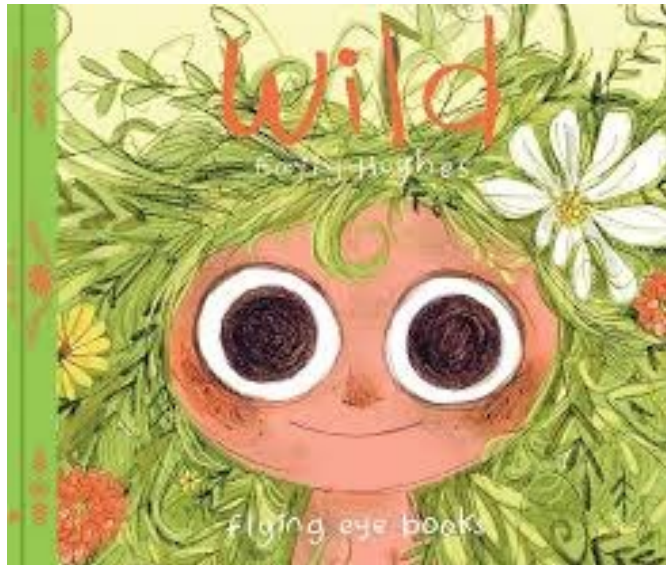
*Nature Tree*



**LEAF**  
**COUNTING WANDS**

Week Commencing

22<sup>nd</sup> April  
Wild



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxnWITD2R4E>



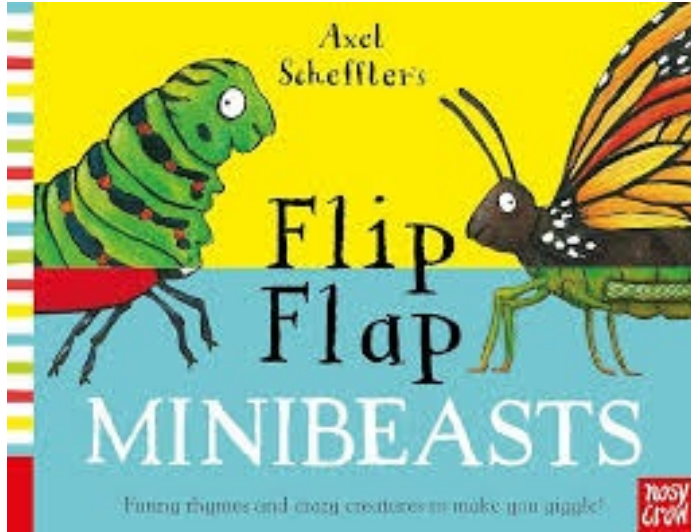
**SALT FREE DOUGH**  
**Nature Portraits**  
*Learning and Exploring Through Play*



**23**  
**FOREST SCHOOL**  
**ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS**  
featured at [messylittlemonster.com](http://messylittlemonster.com)



Week Commencing  
29<sup>th</sup> April  
Flip Flap Minibeasts



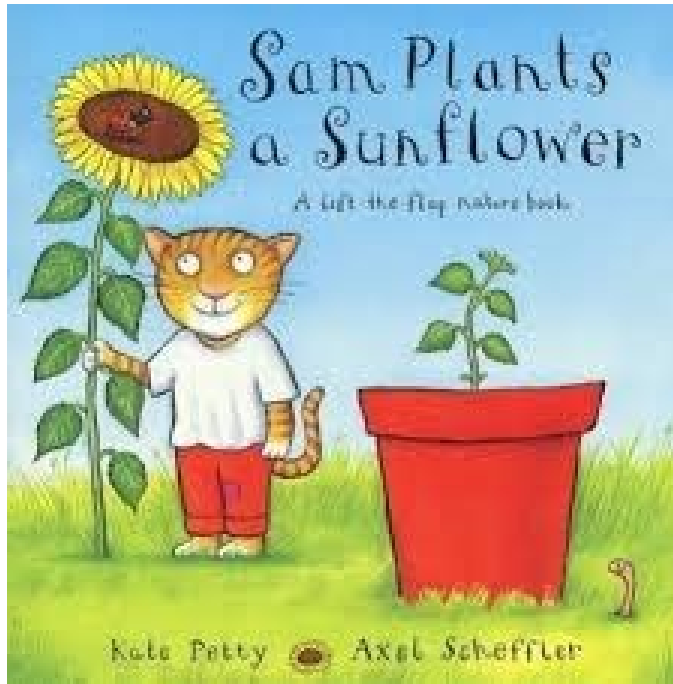
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Nature Minibeasts



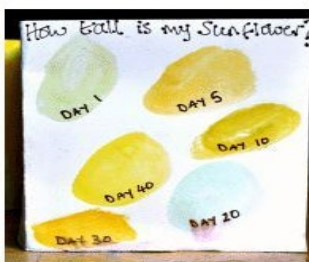
Week Commencing  
6<sup>th</sup> May  
Sam Plants A Sunflower



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f3GaW6C-Ik0>



SUNFLOWER  
PLAYDOUGH  
Recipe & STEAM Activity





Week Commencing  
13<sup>th</sup> May  
A Boggle at BeWILDerwood



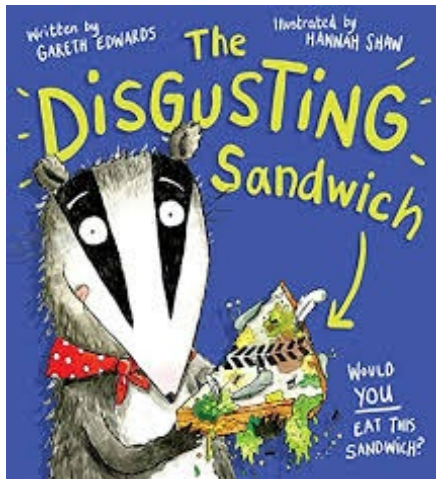
TWIG & BEAD  
fairy wands



Clay & Twig Hedgehogs  
[www.sunhatsandwellieboots.com](http://www.sunhatsandwellieboots.com)



Week Commencing  
20<sup>th</sup> May  
The Disgusting Sandwich



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uuzPyVp\\_oaI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uuzPyVp_oaI)

