

At Home

I will add a copy of the nursery rhyme to Tapestry each week. Please sing these with your children at home.

Please check the Little Wandle parents page for help with sounds.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

WAC - Art and Design Technology

We are creators! What can we make?

This term we will be focusing on Art and DT. We are going to be using stories to investigate different artists. We are looking forward to seeing how the work of artists such as Andy Goldsworthy, Piet Mondrian, Henri Matisse, Yayoi Kusama and Van Gogh inspire the children's art. We will also be doing lots of junk modelling and using tools in Forest School. Please remember Art is messy and wearing old clothes will be best. Please could you also bring in some junk for modelling, small boxes are best i.e. toothpaste or biscuit boxes rather than big boxes such as cereal boxes as these are hard to store. Thank you

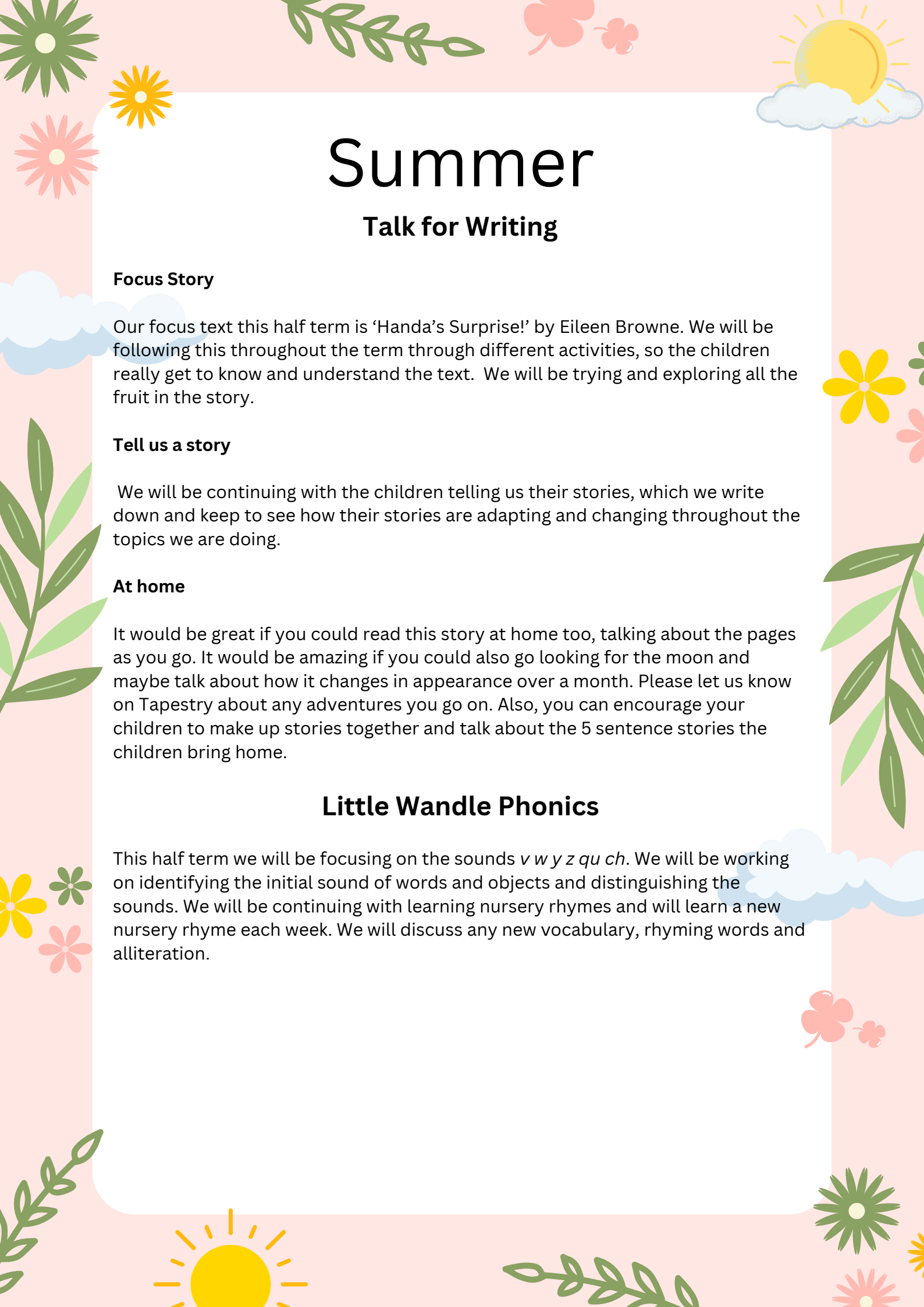
We will be having a fun messy play day 'Creative Chaos', where we will have lots of different art stations hopefully outside so we can be big and bold with our Art. We will be doing this alongside reception. This day will be really messy and old clothes will be essential.

Awe and Wonder

During the term we will be exploring the changing of the seasons, looking for awe and wonder, watching how Spring develops and begins to transition to Summer. We will be looking at the animals as they wake up, watching the birds build houses and sing in the warmer weather. Looking for lambs and baby ducklings is always such a treat in the spring! We will also be looking at farm animals, spring flowers, minibeasts and planting seeds.

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We hope you will look for these changes whilst out and about this term too. If you find anything that's really interesting, please can you put it on Tapestry and bring anything in that can go on our interest table that we can explore. This includes any books you may have to support the activities we are doing. I wonder who will spot the first ladybug this year?



Summer

Talk for Writing

Focus Story

Our focus text this half term is 'Handa's Surprise!' by Eileen Browne. We will be following this throughout the term through different activities, so the children really get to know and understand the text. We will be trying and exploring all the fruit in the story.

Tell us a story

We will be continuing with the children telling us their stories, which we write down and keep to see how their stories are adapting and changing throughout the topics we are doing.

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It would be great if you could read this story at home too, talking about the pages as you go. It would be amazing if you could also go looking for the moon and maybe talk about how it changes in appearance over a month. Please let us know on Tapestry about any adventures you go on. Also, you can encourage your children to make up stories together and talk about the 5 sentence stories the children bring home.

Little Wandle Phonics

This half term we will be focusing on the sounds *v w y z qu ch*. We will be working on identifying the initial sound of words and objects and distinguishing the sounds. We will be continuing with learning nursery rhymes and will learn a new nursery rhyme each week. We will discuss any new vocabulary, rhyming words and alliteration.

Maths

Sunflower Challenge

During the Easter break we received a letter from Sally and Sonny the scarecrows from a local farm. They found something (a sunflower head) but are not sure what it is, so we are going to spend the term finding out about it. We will be comparing, calculating, noticing, subitising, measuring and much more, all whilst becoming experts on Sunflowers.

We will be planting some to take home so you can continue the learning at home too.

Forest School

We are really looking forward to getting our shelter put up soon - paid for very generously by the PTA - Thank you PTA and supporters of the PTA.

As part of our outdoor learning we will continue to visit Forest School twice a week. The children will have the opportunity to play in nature and have the time and space to be able to make their own play and go with the learning they need to do. We will be exploring the season and how things have changed in our area and how they continue to change through the season. We will also look at the weather and its impact on the environment.

We will be looking at fire and discussing fire safety. We will be lighting fires and cooking in fire too.

We will be looking at learning some DT skills in the woods and starting to introduce the children to some tools. The children will have a go at hammering and sawing with the bow saw to see what we can make.

Thank you also for your generous donations from the wish list all the items are very generous and used all the time.

Transition

As we move into the last term of Pre School for some children, we will be supporting them in the transition to Reception class. If your child is not going to Great Missenden School Reception, please could you let me know so I can liaise with the Reception teacher of the school they will be going to. We are going to be encouraging the children to be more independent in preparation for Reception. We will be in touch with a date for a transition evening where you can come in and we can discuss getting ready for Reception and the transition process. Please come along if you can. If you are concerned about your child being ready for school, please let me know, I will also arrange for an additional parents evening if you wish to meet with me.

Other Information

Cooking - A cooking list with ingredients is also attached and is available on the website. Please get in touch if you have any concerns. We will be doing cooking activities across the week.

PE - PE is on a Friday. Please send your child in trainers and trousers that day. Our focus is Ball Skills - Feet this half term.

Forest School - Will be on Monday and Wednesday mornings

A gentle reminder - Please pick up Pre School children first. There is a window between 3:05 and 3:15pm to pick up to make it easier for you.

Wish Lists - If you are able we would be grateful for anything on our wish list to help with the consumables we get through on a daily basis. we will be updating it regularly.

Pre School - <https://amzn.eu/d/fYISVWc>

Forest School - <https://amzn.eu/1uqivo6>

Dates for the Diary - Please keep up to date on the website
<https://www.greatmissendenschool.co.uk/pre-school/>

Some Dates are

Wednesday 22nd April - Earth Day dress up.

Tuesday 15th May - GM library visit

Monday 18th May - Creative Chaos

Monday 25th May - Half Term

Looking ahead

Monday 1st June - Inset Day

Friday 12th June - Class Photos

Friday 19th June - GM's Got Talent

Tuesday 23rd June - Farm experience

W/K Monday 29th June - Pirate Week

Wednesday 1st July - Sports Day

Tuesday 7th July - Transition Day

Tuesday 14th July - COAM Trip

Tuesday 21st July - Last Day 2.15pm Finish