



# LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term, we continue with our Letters and Sounds programme preparing the children to tune into sounds and to develop their speaking and listening skills. The quality of conversations that children have with adults is crucial as language underpins all areas of their learning and development. Time will be spent developing their awareness of sounds and rhythm and patterns of sound. We will use a wide vocabulary to talk about what they hear, see and feel as well as talking about the meaning of words. Alongside this, every week we will introduce a new sound to the children in preparation for beginning our StoryTime Phonics programme in their Reception year.

During the week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> February, the children will be learning the letter 's' and the sound it makes. An idea that would help embed their learning, is to look through books for pictures of items beginning with the letter sound or to see if they can spot the letter in the text. Every Monday, we will display the Sound of the Week on the Pre-School window so please look out for it.

We are also pleased to promote the Talking Together event in Cambridgeshire from a Festival of Stories from World Book Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 through to World Storytelling Day on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Festival events will take place in March and Chatteris bringing the magic of stories to families of children aged 0-5. The Festival will shine a light on how stories can be used in fun and interactive ways to bring a twinkle of excitement every day. It will also highlight how stories can help young children feel safe and connected to others and help them better understand the world we live in. We do hope that you can attend. Please click on the link to find out more:

[Festival of Stories - Learn Together \(cambslearntogether.co.uk\)](http://cambslearntogether.co.uk)

Over the next few weeks, we will also be changing our wall display in Pre-School using our theme of 'Monsters!' We are reading lots of different monster stories to the children and then they will create their own monster using boxes and collage materials! You might like to watch the story of the 'Colour Monster' on You Tube!

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Covill and the Pre-School team

