

FS Newsletter

Friday 7th November 2025

Communication and Language

Stories and books we have enjoyed this week!

The Gunpowder Plot



Literacy

Our focus story this week was The Gunpowder Plot. The children chose to draw a character or the Houses of Parliament and finished the week by drawing their own firework and adding their secret code!

In phonics we have covered all the phase 2 sounds now and will be spending some time consolidating our blending and segmenting skills before moving on to phase 3.

At home you could try:

- Spotting numbers to 5 and creating collections of 5 objects.
- Retelling the Gunpowder Plot story
- Reading the words attached and spotting sounds when out and about.
- Continue to practice putting on coats and doing the zip up.

Notes for Parents

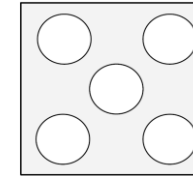
We hope you had a great half term, it was lovely to welcome the children back. It is anti-bullying week next week and on Monday we will be wearing odd socks to mark the start of it. Don't forget to check to see if it your child's Be the Teacher session.

Have a great weekend!

The Foundation Team

Maths

A key focus this week has been deepening the children's understanding of 5 as a quantity by linking the number itself to the 5 fingers on one hand. The children explored ways to represent numbers to 5 using both their fingers and the Hungarian number pattern.



Understanding the World

In PSED the children have been thinking about what makes us special and we joined in with Harold's song 'I'm special, you're special.

We have also learnt about how Guy Fawkes and his friends plotted against the king and tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament. The children were really taken by this story and some of them worked together to create the House of Parliament using the wooden blocks outside. We also talked about the firework code and how to stay safe.

Expressive Arts and Design

We created our own firework pictures using a splatter painting technique. Some children also tried using chalk for their representation.

Encourage your child to sound out each word and then blend to read the word e.g a-t at, d-i-g dig
If your child struggles with this then model sounding out and blending and get them to repeat it back, sounding out first.

hat

Phase 2 flash words - Set 1- 4 sounds

hack

Phase 2 flash words - Set 1- 4 sounds

lot

Phase 2 flash words - Set 1- 4 sounds

bell

Phase 2 flash words - Set 1- 4 sounds

back

Phase 2 flash words - Set 1- 4 sounds

bed

Phase 2 flash words - Set 1- 4 sounds

boss

Phase 2 flash words - Set 1- 4 sounds

fusspot

Phase 2 flash words - Set 1- 4 sounds

fan

Phase 2 flash words - Set 1- 4 sounds

off

Phase 2 flash words - Set 1- 4 sounds

hut

Phase 2 flash words - Set 1- 4 sounds

leg

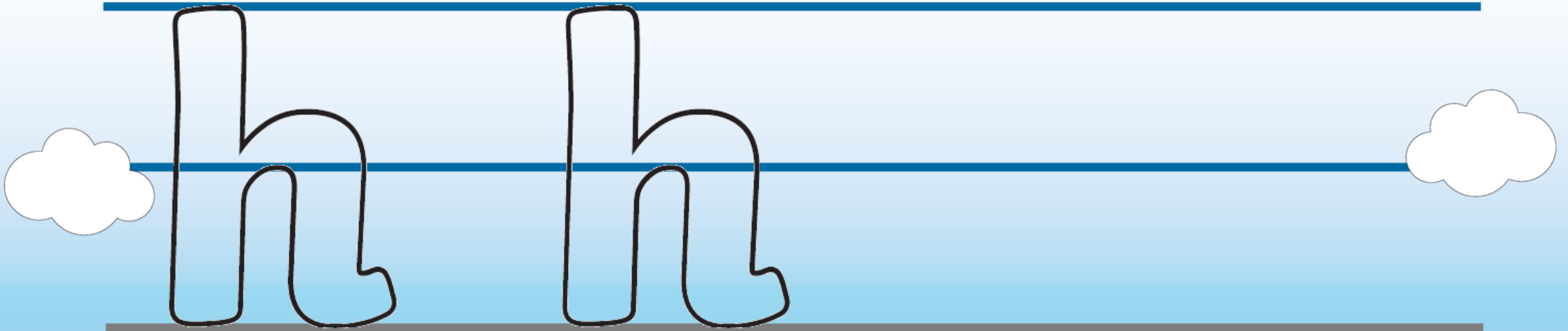
Phase 2 flash words - Set 1- 4 sounds

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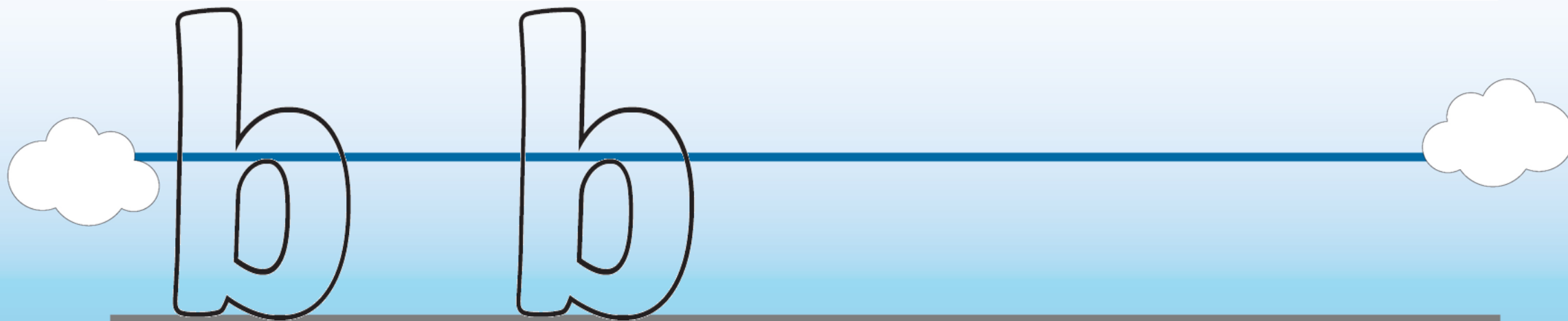
Lower case h formation patter - start in the sky- straight down to the runway, up to the middle, over and flick

h



Start in the sky- straight down to the runway, up to the middle, round to the bottom

b



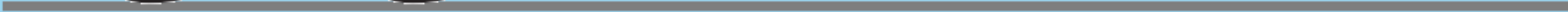
Start in the clouds- over the top, straight down, below the runway, curl it round, lift your pencil to the clouds and fly across

f



A large writing area with a light blue gradient background. It features three horizontal lines: a top blue line, a middle blue line, and a bottom grey line. Two white clouds are positioned on the middle blue line, one on the left and one on the right. Two large, hollow lowercase 'f' characters are placed between the middle and bottom lines, one on the left and one on the right, for tracing practice.

Start in the sky- straight down to the runway and give it a curl



Be the Teacher Timetable

Date	Child	Date	Child
Friday 14 th Nov	Dougie	Friday 13 th March	Amelia
Friday 21 st Nov	Ava-Willow	Friday 20 th March	Paige
Friday 28 th Nov	Ari	Friday 17 th April	Rhys
Friday 5 th Dec	Josh	Friday 24 th April	Beau
Friday 12 th Dec	Octavia	Friday 1 st May	Theodore
Friday 9 th Jan	Oscar	Friday 8 th May	Aurora
Friday 16 th Jan	Hayley	Friday 15 th May	Roxie
Friday 23 rd Jan	Fraser	Friday 22 nd May	Grace
Friday 30 th Jan	Bella	Friday 5 th June	Rosie
Friday 6 th Feb	Jesse	Friday 12 th June	Eleanor
Friday 13 th Feb	Harry	Friday 19 th June	Sophia
Friday 27 th Feb	Jorge	Friday 26 th June	Cora
Friday 6 th March	River	Friday 3 rd July	Kuzey