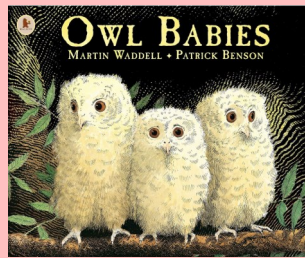This week we have been reading the book 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. In this story, Percy, Sarah and Bill are left wondering if Mummy owl will come back. They imagine all sorts of things have happened and are relieved when Mummy owl returns with food for them just as she had promised.
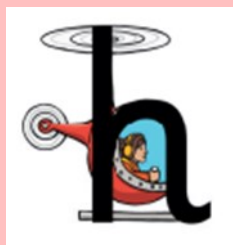
As part of this learning we created a story map and practiced telling the story using actions and words. In our Literacy work the children used pictures to sequence the story and retell what happened in order. We also made special lolly stick owl puppets to use in our storytelling area and created owl baby pictures by printing and collaging.

Phonics

We continued our Phase 2 phonics learning this week. We introduced the following graphemes:

For each grapheme we learnt its corresponding phoneme (sound); 'h' as in house, 'b' as in bear, 'f' and in flower and 'l' as in lollipop.

This week we have had a go at writing a CVC word— dog, ten, red, mum, kid. First we use our segmenting fingers to sound out the word, helping us to identify each phoneme. We then had a go at writing these phonemes on our whiteboards. See helpful video attached.

Home challenge: Practise letter formation using the sheets, sent home with your child today.

Maths

Our maths focus this week was about *composition*— how a number can be composed, such as 3 can be made with 1 and 1 and 1, or 2 and 1 more. We had teddy bears picnic to support us with noticing when we had 'just enough' of some objects, e.g. 3 pencils for 3 children, 2 drinks for 2 children. We introduced *subitising*– recognising an amount without the need to count, such as dot patterns on a dice, with our fingers and numicon shapes.

Home challenge: Play a game that involves using a dice— Use your subitising skills to recognise the amount without counting.

Home challenges are helpful ideas for you in supporting your child to consolidate their learning at home. Please feel free to choose those you feel are achievable for you and share on Tapestry.