

Dear Ladybirds and Bumblebees,

We were so happy to hear how many of you enjoyed playing the Rainbow Word 'read and race' for your home learning last week! As you enjoyed it so much, we've included another phonics game on the back of this week's newsletter. Have fun!

Love Lottie and Buzz



Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you enjoyed your bank holiday weekend. It's somewhat hard to believe that it was at the beginning of this week and that we've squeezed so much into just four days!

Of course, Thursday was a very special day, as we celebrated VE day. We had a special VE day assembly and completed lots of lovely VE day activities during Explorer Time, including designing medals, making bunting, drawing Union Jacks, and making paper Spitfire planes.

In Literacy this week, we innovated The Very Hungry Caterpillar, changing the fruits that the caterpillar eats each day. We drew our own story maps to show our changes, and began to write our own innovated version of the story, bit by bit. We will continue with this piece of writing next week and begin to prepare for our Hot Task.

In Maths, we began by recapping the composition of 5, using the stem sentence: **5 is made of \_\_\_ and \_\_\_; \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ make 5.** We then moved on to the composition of numbers 6-9, and considered how they are made of '5 and a bit', using the stem sentence: **\_\_\_ is made of 5 and \_\_\_; 5 and \_\_\_ make \_\_\_.**

In the wider curriculum, we continued our learning about how different religions welcome people into the religion, with a particular focus on Islam this week. Our history focus on the monarchy saw us learning about Henry VIII and making comparisons between Henry VIII and King Charles. We also learnt about the lifecycle of a butterfly this week and continued thinking about the different parts of plants and how they grow.

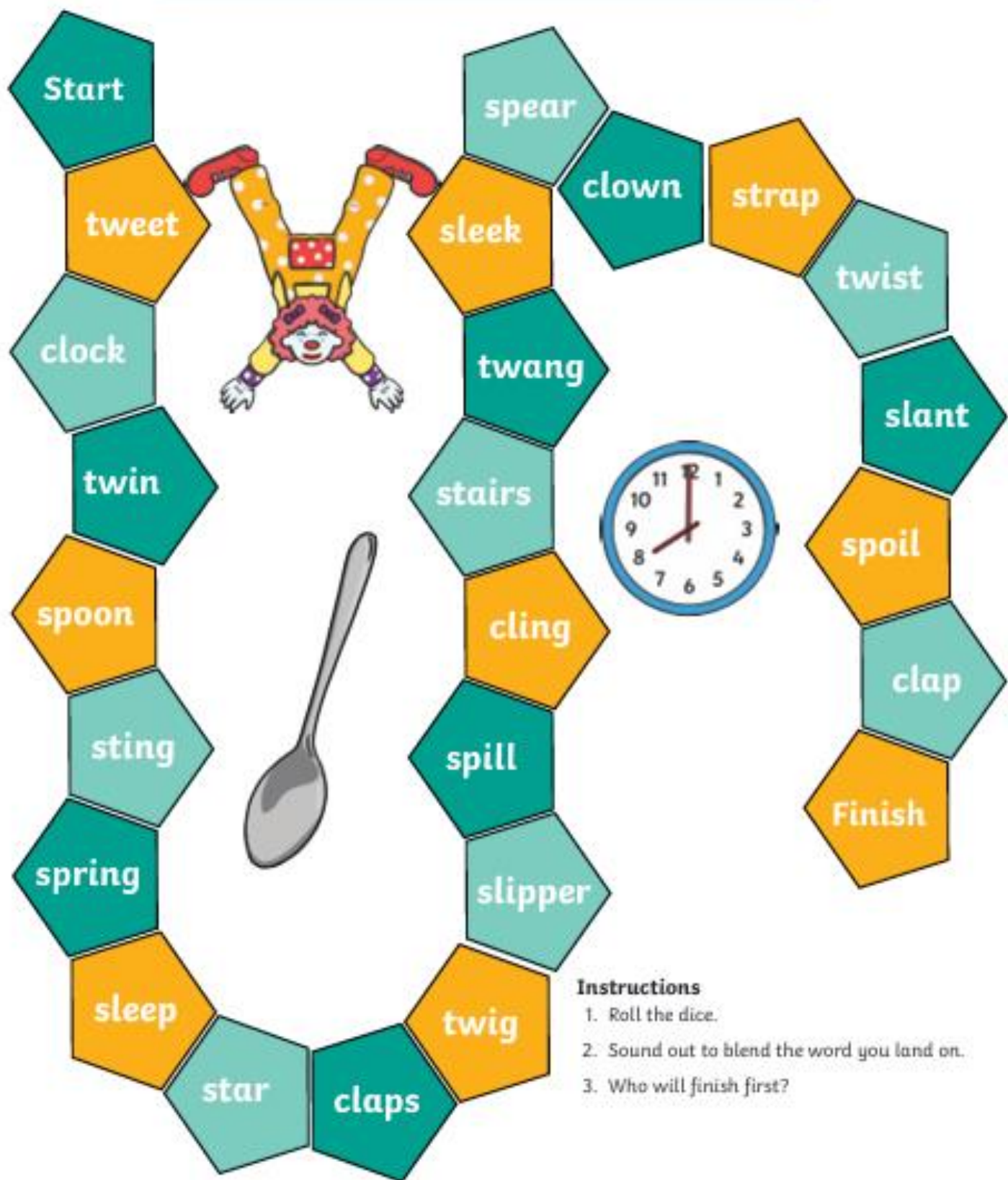
**Dates for your diaries:**

- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May:** Class photos. Children to come to school in school uniform on this day.
- **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Last day of Term 5
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June:** First day of Term 6

Have a lovely weekend,  
The Foundation Team

# Read and Race

Phase 4 Phonics



## Instructions

1. Roll the dice.
2. Sound out to blend the word you land on.
3. Who will finish first?