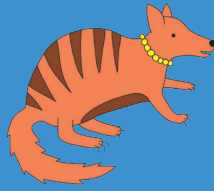
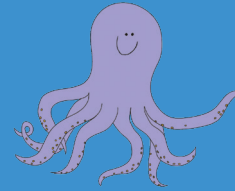


This week we met ...

Nelly and Oscar



n



o

Dear parent/carer

This week in our literacy lessons we met Milo's friends Nelly the numbat and Oscar the octopus. We identified the first sound in Nelly's name as /n/ and the first sound in Oscar's name as /o/.

Say the sounds /n/ and /o/

Nelly's name begins with the sound /n/. To make the sound /n/, we put our tongue behind our teeth. Then we hold it there while we hum.

Oscar's name begins with the vowel sound /o/. To make this sound, we stick out our lips slightly and make an oval shape with our mouth.

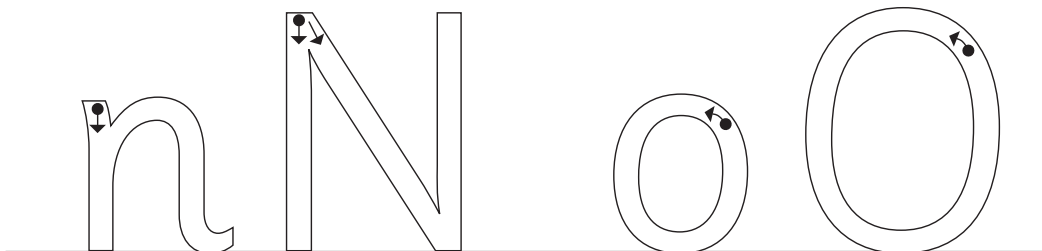
Talk about the sounds /n/ and /o/

Play the game 'What is it?' to practise /n/ and /o/ in different positions in words. Give your child a clue and say the answer sound by sound. Can your child guess the answer? For example: 'It's another word for sleep: /n/-/a/-/p/' (*nap*). Suggested words: *pot, pin, mop, fan, nan*.

Write the letters n and o

Practise tracing and writing our new letters **n** and **o**, emphasising the starting point for each letter.

Oscar's letter has a little rhyme to help with the formation: 'Start at the top and go around and then stop.' If needed, encourage your child to say the rhyme.



Milo's music

Children enjoy Milo's songs in our Little Learners Love Literacy® sessions – each character has their own song. Music is a very powerful learning tool. Encourage your child to sing the songs to you. The chorus to Nelly the numbat's song is very catchy. We're sure your child is singing it at home:

*No, no, Nelly, that's not your number; this is not your nest
No, no, Nelly, that's not your number; I really must protest
It's not number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8
No, no, Nelly, it's number 9 and over near the gate.*

Your Little Learners teacher

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