

Dear Parents and Carers,
Weekly Learning Letter Week 1

Let's Celebrate!

Congratulations to Ami and Luke who received our Star of the Week certificate!

Congratulations to Leila who received our Value certificate this week!

I just want to say how proud I am of all Ladybirds this week! Both Mrs Maguire and I noticed how well Ladybirds have been coming into school, showing us they are ready to learn and are working hard to work together! Well done Ladybirds! Keep it up!

Phonics

To further support the children in Phonics, this half term, the children are in smaller groups which allows us to focus on sounds and words that some children need to revisit and secure. The children know who they are with for Phonics and can let you know so you are aware which adult they have and what learning has taken place.

In Mrs Hay's group the children have revisited reading and spelling two syllable words. Syllables are the beats in a word; ask your child how to count the syllables. We chop longer words up into syllables so that they are easier to decode (read) and encode (spell) e.g. moonlight moon/l-igh-t, bedroom b-e-d/r-oo-m, garden g-ar/d-e-n. We have also introduced new tricky words: here come some

In Mrs Maguire's group the children have revisited the sounds: oa (b-oa-t, soa-p) long oo (m-oo-n, t-oo) short oo (l-oo-k, g-oo-d) ar (far-m, h-ar-d) It is important that your child understands that oo has two letters and makes two sounds; a long oo as in zoom and a short oo as in look.

In Miss Holiday's group the children have revisited the sounds S A T P I N G O C K and have focused on segmenting and blending words containing these sounds. Some children are new to this group so they have also been introduced to key resources used in the sessions.

Maths

During our maths learning, we have continued to develop our understanding of numerals 11 to 20. We have put them in order to create a number line and spotted and corrected mistakes such as a missing number, two numbers that have swapped places or even an upside-down numeral!

Topic

Thank you and well done to Ami, Jesse, Bonnie, Arabella, Luke, JJ, Leila and Cooper who have completed their family challenge! What a great introduction to our topic. All children were proud to share and explain their finds and projects to the class.

A reminder our PE days for will remain on Mondays and Forest school on a Wednesday. From next week Mrs Layzell will be joining Mrs Maguire on Monday afternoons.

Ladybirds have welcomed caterpillars to the classroom. We have shared some super stories including our story focus for this half term: The hungry caterpillar. We have used the time words first, next, then, finally to explain the changes in order. As part of our PSHE theme Growing and Changing, we have looked at the lifecycle of plants. We have also planted our own seeds in the hope to observe how plants grow.

Home Learning

Your challenge is to complete your family challenge. Go on a bug hunt and then create your own mini beast. How you make it, is up to you. You are the BOSS of your learning!

Kind regards

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