

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Weekly Learning Letter Week 2

Let's Celebrate!

Congratulations to Ronnie Maurice and Leila who received our Star of the Week certificate!

Congratulations to Jessica who received our Value certificate this week!

### Phonics

In Mrs Hay's group the children have begun our learning of phase 4 where we have practised reading and spelling words with consonant letter blends or letter clusters at the end of a word st nd mp nk nt ft sk lt lp lf lk pt xt nch. These are not new sounds, but single sounds that are blended closely together e.g. went lift jump. Consonant clusters are easier to read, but more challenging to write because we need to listen carefully when robot talking and segmenting to hear the sounds in words. Letter blends contain two separate sounds and letter clusters are three separate sounds. We also learnt to read the tricky word: little.

In Mrs Maguire's group the children have revisited the sounds: or (f-or, s-or-t) ur (t-ur-n, s-ur-f) er (h-er, f-ar-m-er) ow (d-ow-n, n-ow). It is important that your child understands these digraphs are two letters that make one sound and that we often use ur in the middle of a word and er at the end of a word as a 'best fit' choice.

In Miss Holiday's group the children have revisited the sound e. They have been focusing on segmenting and blending words that contain the e sound. They been practising reading the tricky words: I the into no go to.

### Maths

During our maths learning, we have looked at addition number stories. We have introduced the language first, then, now to help them create their own addition stories and then Ladybirds recorded their findings. Ladybirds challenged their learning by finding missing part when given the answer and one part of the number sentence.

### Topic

Ladybirds have been observing their seeds this week and we have noticed that they have begun to root. Also, our caterpillars are growing and Ladybirds are beginning to wonder if when they will be ready for the next stage in their lifecycle.

In RE this half term, we are looking at different stories and thinking about what we can learn from them. Last week and this week we looked at the story "The boy who cried

wolf” to help us understand that being truthful even when it can be tricky sometimes is always best.

This week Ladybirds helped read scenarios that were true and untrue and we discussed why some were untrue and how we can help to make them truthful. They really understood the story and the message behind it. They should be really proud of their efforts!

### Ladybirds Cake Sale – A date for your diary

Ladybirds will be hosting a cake sale on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. The money raised will go towards reducing the cost of our school trip. More details to follow soon.

### Home Learning

To collect recyclables for our junk modelling station! The children are keen to build, design and create minibeasts from our creative station but our supplies are low. If you have any recyclables including: cardboard boxes, small boxes, egg cartons, milk bottles, tubes etc then please bring them in! Thank you!

Kind regards

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