

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Weekly Learning Letter Week 4

Let's Celebrate!

Congratulations to Marnie and JJ who received our Star of the Week certificate!

Congratulations to Jenna who received our Value certificate this week!

### Phonics

In Mrs Hay's group the children have continued to explore letter blends or consonant clusters. We have taken time to talk about common mistakes when spelling words with the sounds st sp dr tr sk, st often mistaken for sd e.g. stop/sdop, sp often mistaken for sb e.g. spot/sbot, dr often mistaken for jr e.g. dress/jress and tr often mistaken for chr e.g. tree/chree, skip often mistaken for sg e.g. skip/sgip. We have worked on listening really carefully for these clusters, particularly when spelling words containing these sounds such as start, sport, dress, trail, skull.

In Mrs Maguire's group the children have revisited the sounds: ear (n-ear) air (ch-air) ure (p-ure). It is important that your child understands these trigraphs are three letters that make one sound and that air is said clearly, so that your child does not confuse it with e. We have introduced joining these letters as this makes them easier to remember and prepares your child for joining their writing in year 1. Please do not worry if your child hears these sounds in words that are spelt differently e.g. air - hair, share, wear. It is the sound that is important and it is age appropriate for your child to spell these words using the three letters 'air' shair/wair. We have revisited Phase 3 tricky words: all, are.

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

### Maths

During our maths learning, we focused on 3-D shapes. Ladybirds have learnt to name 3-D shapes, manipulate shapes and find 2-D shapes within 3-D shapes.

### Topic

Some caterpillars are now in their cocoon and some are getting ready to start so we have moved them into the butterfly net to keep them safe.

### Purbeck Arts Week

Thank you all for bringing in newspaper this week! Mrs Muir set Ladybirds a class project. Our book focus is "The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch" and Ladybirds have

designed and created a lighthouse, rock pool and sea creatures that we may find in a rockpool. We are waiting for some parts of it to dry before we can begin painting and finishing off our master piece next week.

### Ladybirds Cake Sale Next Friday

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

To help make our cake sale successful we would like to ask for cake donations to be brought in the morning of the cake sale. Please note we are a nut free school. Thank you for your support in advanced!

Kind regards

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