

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Learning Letter Week 2

Congratulations to Cassie and Alber who received our Star of the Term certificate!

Congratulations to Frankie who received our Value certificate this week!

Phonics

With Mrs Hay, 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.

With Mrs Maguire, the children have revisited Phase 3 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.

Maths

In maths we have been begun exploring number beyond 10 and begun 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

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. Ladybirds listened to different scenarios and had to decide if it was true or untrue. 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 Monday 19th May. The money raised will go towards reducing the cost of our school trip. More details of our trip and cake sale 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

Mrs Hay

EYFS Lead and Teacher / Phonics Lead

