

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Weekly Learning Letter Week 1

Welcome to our weekly learning letter! This letter is designed to inform you of all the fantastic learning Ladybirds have been doing during the week and sharing our greatest achievements with you.

During the first few weeks, we will be getting to know your child, introducing routines and checking their learning needs. We will take lots of photographs of your child at work and play and write about all the great things they can do, now they are at 'big' school. These observations of their learning will go in their Learning Journey Book.

Our first topic is "Marvellous me!" Please see attached our curriculum letter and topic mats. These documents share what the children will learn and contain information regarding home learning, reading books, PE and Forest school days! Copies of these are available to view on our class page on the school website. Photos of the children's work and learning will also be uploaded there – Please can you ensure that your photo consent is updated on Arbor so we know which children can be on the website.

As our "Welcome to Reception" meeting was in July I have put a few pointers below which I hope you find useful:

- End of day collection – Please bear with us at the end of day whilst we are learning who can collect your child. If someone is collecting your child that is not on the registration form, please let us know so we know who to expect.
- School Assemblies – Ladybirds will begin attending two assemblies with the school after October Half Term.
- OPAL (Outdoor play and Learning) – During break time and lunch time play Ladybirds have the opportunity to access all plays areas. If they would like to play on the field, they will need to wear wellies. Please can you send in a pair of wellies for your child. We do try to go outside in all weather, however, if the rain is really heavy, we will have "wet play" where the children will stay inside.
- Reading books – Once the children have settled and Phonics has started, we will begin to send home reading books and Phonics workbooks. We will run a Phonics workshop in the Autumn Term to help support your child with reading at home, date TBC.
- Trips – Ladybirds will be visiting Weymouth Sea life Centre in Summer Term 2 and this trip will cost approximately £15 per child. The price may decrease / increase depending on fundraising events or change in ticket prices. More information will be sent nearer the time. During the Autumn and Spring Term, we invite people within our community to visit the class.
- PE day – Our PE lesson is on a Tuesday afternoon. Please send your child into school in PE kit.

- Forest school – Our Forest school day is on a Wednesday morning. Please send your child into school in school uniform and with any additional items they might need e.g., coat, waterproofs, sun hat, wellies.
- Milk – Please sign up to Cool Milk if you would like your child to receive milk in school.
- Snack – Ladybirds have the opportunity to attend snack every day and are offered various fruit provided by the school.

We hope the children have enjoyed their time here so far and we are excited for next week!

Have a lovely weekend,

**Mr Matthew Taylor.**

**Teacher**

