

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Weekly Learning Letter Week 4

#### Phonics

During phonics, we have introduced the children to the letters i n m d and the sounds that they make. We have been learning to listen carefully to hear the first sound in a word and even tried to think of things that start with the i n m d sounds such as; iiiigloo, nnnnet, mmmman, ddddog. Please help your child to say these sounds clearly and to do the matching actions. You may even challenge them to find their new sounds on the letter mats.

Also, we have introduced using whiteboards and pens to support our writing within the lesson and the children have hugely impressed Mrs Maguire and I with their listening ears and correct use of these items! Keep up the amazing work Ladybirds!

#### Maths

We have been matching and sorting collections of objects. We have found matching pairs and talked about why they are the same or different to others. The children have started learning to sort objects into groups based on their attributes such as colour, size or shape considering what is the same about all the objects in one set and how they are different to the other sets. We have also found out that the same objects can be sorted in different ways.

#### Topic – All About Me!

Whilst exploring the paint station, we have looked at the work of an artist called Mondrian. Mondrian liked to use lines, shapes and colour in his artwork. We had great fun learning how to hold a paintbrush, knowing how much paint is needed to load our brush and how to stroke the brush on the paper. Did you know that red, blue and yellow are primary colours? Next week we plan to mix these colours together to discover what other colours we can make!

#### Classroom and school expectations

This week we are continuing to read our “Golden rule” series of books.

This week we focused on “We look after property...We don’t damage things”. We shared how we can be responsible when using resources and how we look after our own belongings and school property. They came up with lovely ideas as a class!

#### Home learning challenge

Wow, last week's effort was fabulous. Well done Ladybirds 😊

To complete an activity from your phonics booklet.

To copy the letters i n m d and have a go at writing your own. Please encourage your child to hold their pencil correctly as they do so. They can also draw pictures or stick in photos or objects that start with each sound such as; mmmonster, mmmmmoney, ddddoll, ddddinosaur.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend

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