



Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Certificates

Congratulations to Tallulah and Gracey who received our Star of the Week certificate!

Congratulations to Maisie-Mae who received our Value certificate this week!

Phonics

During our phonic we have introduced the letters and 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 introduced the final set of Phase 3 tricky words: all, are.

Maths

During our maths learning, the children have been combining two groups to find how many altogether e.g. there are 3 frogs on the log and 4 in the pool. How many frogs altogether? As usual, we have encouraged the children to subitise (say how many without needing to count) and introduced counting on from the biggest number to find the total e.g. rolling a 4 and 3 during a board game; "4, 5, 6, 7".

Topic

Thank you and Well done to Ezra for bringing in your amazing family home project. We loved hearing about how you and your family put the fire engine together.

A huge thank you to Ralph and his family for providing the class with Police stickers, hats, colouring pages and pens for the teachers to help us celebrate the end of a half term.

The children are super excited by our topic next half term. Our Dinosaur topic word mat and parent leaflet overview is available to view on our class page along with photographs of our new learning areas. When we return we will ask the children what they would like to find out about/make/do based on dinosaurs and we will add this to our planning.

Home Learning Challenge

In preparation for our new topic, we are asking you to take on a family challenge of creating something for our dinosaur display. This could be a junk model dinosaur that



you construct, dinosaur footprints made with salt dough or a fossil you may have found on the beach on a fossil hunt. Be creative, the choice is yours! We hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday and look forward to seeing you, and your awesome dinosaur creations, on Monday 20th February.



Thank you for your continued support.

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We value our parents as partners. Please leave a comment or email on any aspect of your child's learning. Things they are enjoying, new learning that they may have shared with you or things that they may be finding tricky.

My child's name:

Date: