

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Learning Letter Week 4

Congratulations to Syd and Tommy who received our Star of the Week certificate!

Congratulations to Finneas who received our Value certificate this week!

Phonics

The children have been introduced to the letters and sounds: or (f-or, s-or-t) ur (t-ur-n, s-ur-f) er (h-er, f-ar-m-er) ow (d-ow-n, n-ow). It is important that your child understands these digraphs are two letters that make one sound and that we often use ur in the middle of a word and er at the end of a word as a 'best fit' choice. We have introduced joining these letters as this makes them easier to remember and prepares your child for joining their writing in Key Stage 1. We have also learnt the tricky word her.

Maths

In maths we have focused on counting accurately when counting to 6, 7 and 8. We have represented 6, 7, and 8 in different ways and can count out the required number of objects from a larger group. By arranging 6, 7 or 8 items into small groups it has helped us to subitise and see how the numbers are made up of smaller numbers. We have encouraged the children to order and compare representations, noticing the one more/less pattern as they count on to, and back from, 8

Topic

On Tuesday, we welcomed a special visitor to the classroom as PC Calum, one of our parents, came in to talk to the children about his role in the police. Due to the weather, most of the visit took place indoors, where the children listened carefully and asked lots of great questions about what he does each day. We were then lucky to have a break in the weather, which meant we could head outside to the playground to look at his marked police vehicle. The children loved exploring some of the equipment in the boot, looking at the lights and learning about what PC Calum carries with him. Each child was very excited to receive a high-vis clip for their bag, a high-vis snap band, a paper police hat and a fun activity sheet to take home. Thank you so much for coming in, PC Calum!

Home Learning Challenge

To copy the letters or ur er ow and practice writing these independently!

Please continue to encourage your child to hold their pencil correctly as they do so.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Matthew Taylor

Teacher

