



Friday 1st April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been exploring ammonites; creatures that lived in the sea millions of years ago. We learned that the ammonite shape is called a whorl and looked at images of whorls found in the environment. Mrs Davids visited us one morning and kindly let us have a look at her ammonite fossil.



As dinosaur detectives, we now know that dinosaurs existed millions of years ago and that we know about the past because palaeontologists have found clues in fossils. We decided to have discussion about how dinosaurs became extinct. We discussed that scientists believed that dinosaurs became extinct 65 million years ago, because of a giant asteroid hitting the Earth.

In phonics we have linked sounds to the letters ear (n-ear) air (chair) ure (p-ure). It is important that your child understands that 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 and that ear does not sound like i. 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.

In Maths we have been consolidating concepts including numbers bonds to 5, combining two groups and saying the number that is one more or one less than a given number. The children have been demonstrating these skills by using ten frames and counters, numicon shapes and recalling number bond facts.





Home Learning Challenge

To practise reading Phase 4 tricky words. The children will be sent home with these on a bookmark similar to Phase 2 and 3. Once your child can read these, practise spelling them to aid their writing.

The EYFS Ladybirds Team

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: