

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Mrs Maguire and I hope you all the best Christmas break you can and are ready for another term. The children have been LOVING our upgraded creative spaces and have been very sensible and responsible in using the resources. They have made a great team effort in making sure all resources are tidied away after each learning time session 😊

To help us keep this area fully stocked we are asking for your recycling and any arts and craft supplies you would like to donate. This could be cardboard, egg cartons, ribbon, string, scrap paper, stickers, old cards, magazines, feathers, tissue paper, wrapping paper, paper plates, tubes, plastic lids etc

Thank you in advance!

Also, we are excited to welcome Miss Allen into ladybirds' class every Wednesday who will support the children in their learning and play 😊

### Weekly Learning Letter Week 1

Congratulations to Cassie and Frankie who received our Star of the Week certificate!

Congratulations to Alber who received our Value certificate this week!

### Phonics

In phonics we have linked sounds to the letters ai (r-ai-n) ee (n-ee-d) igh (l-igh-t). We have introduced joining these letters as this makes them easier to remember and prepares your child for joining their writing in year 1. Take care saying ai clearly or some children may hear e. Saying ee clearly will ensure that children don't hear i. We also learnt the tricky words they and my.

### Maths

We have been singing number songs, we have subitised how many things we have in the song e.g. 5 frogs for 5 little speckled frogs. The children have been introduced to zero and have a good understanding of what this means.

### Topic

In RE we have introduced our new theme "Celebrations". We explored what we mean by New Year and talked about how we could celebrate the new year. We also spoke about goals we may set ourselves for the year. Each child had the opportunity to share and draw this for our RE floor book.

### Home Learning Challenge

To copy the letters ai ee igh have a go at writing these independently. Please continue to encourage your child to hold their pencil correctly as they do so.

Have a lovely weekend

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