

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Weekly Learning Letter Week 6

Let's Celebrate!

Congratulations to Bo who received our Star of the Term certificate!

Congratulations to Leafy who received our Value certificate this week!

### Phonics

In phonics, we have revisited ear (n-ear) air (ch-air) 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 practised 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.

### Dinosaur Adventure Day

What a day full of fun! We started the day with table colouring sheets – the children loved colouring together and colouring different pictures together. We then played pin the tail on the dinosaur, we made our own dinosaur bracelets and, in the afternoon, we made dinosaur salt dough fossils. The salt dough fossils will air dry in school ready to bring home after the holidays.

### Other news

A big welcome to Ronnie Maurice and his family. Ladybirds have been amazing at welcoming him into our class and showing him how to be a Lovely Ladybirds!

In preparation for our new topic, Out in the Garden, we have attached a leaflet of the learning planned and a topic mat of knowledge and vocabulary that you can support your child with at home. These are also available to view and download on the school website on Ladybirds class page, along with some photos of new learning spaces.

Our PE days for next half term will remain on Mondays and Forest school on a Wednesday. Mrs Burbidge who joins Mrs Maguire on Monday afternoons will be with other classes from Week 2 (22<sup>nd</sup> April). Ladybirds are lucky to have Mrs Layzell who currently teaches Yr 4 join them every Monday afternoon with Mrs Maguire. Mrs Layzell will teach the children our PSHE and PE lessons. The children have been told and we will be reminded nearer the time.

### Home Learning Easter Holiday challenge

Your challenge is to go on a bug hunt and then create your own mini beast. How you make it, is up to you. You are the BOSS of your learning!

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very happy Easter.

Kind regards

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