

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Weekly Learning Letter Week 1

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful half term. Mrs Maguire and I have been so impressed with how well Ladybirds returned to school and how well they are re-settling into class and school routines. To continue to support your child's independence in coming into school in the mornings please try to encourage them to say goodbye to you at the gate with Mrs Davids.

Ladybirds attended their first Star Awards assembly this week! They were fantastic at sitting, listening and celebrating those who received certificates this week. Mrs Holt was very impressed!

Congratulations to Jasper and Bertie who received our Star of the Week certificate!

Congratulations to Jasper who received our Value certificate this week!

### Phonics

In phonics we have revisited the sounds we have learned so far and practised writing words made up of those sounds. We have found forming some of the letters a little challenging, especially those letters that start with an anticlockwise movement such as; s a d f g o c. It is very important that these letters begin with an anticlockwise movement, as it will make it easier for your child to join their writing when they move into year 1. So, if you do get the opportunity, you may want to practise these with your child. This doesn't have to be with pencils and paper. You could try writing these in the sand whilst on a beach walk, with sticks in the mud, with fingers in shaving foam (marvellously messy!) or with chalk/brushes and water on the patio....have fun!

We have also introduced Phase 3 tricky words; me be. The next tricky word book mark has been attached to your child's reading diary.

*Just a reminder that we are hosting a Phonics and Early Reading Workshop on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 3:30pm. You can sign up for this workshop via the office.*

### Maths

In maths we have been learning about 2D shapes focusing on circles and triangles and how to describe them.

### Topic – Amazing Animals / Nativity

As Tuesday was Bonfire night, we have spent time this week finding out about why people remember Bonfire night and what they do to celebrate it. We have, of course, talked about how to keep ourselves safe as people celebrate Bonfire night.

Ladybirds may begin to talk about the school Christmas Nativity. Ladybirds are going to be Stars! More information to follow next week along with costumes letters.

Have a lovely weekend

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