

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Weekly Learning Letter Week 6

Let's Celebrate!

Congratulations to Cooper and Ella who received our Star of the Week certificate!

Congratulations to Claire and the whole of Ladybirds who received Value certificate's this week!

### Phonics

This week the children have been introduced to the letters and sounds: ear (n-ear) air (ch-air) ure (p-ure). It is important that your child understands 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. 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 'air' shair/wair. We have introduced the final set of Phase 3 tricky words: all, are.

### Maths

In maths the children have been consolidating number bonds to 5! They have been introduced to the part part whole model and have enjoyed exploring ways to make 5.

### Topic

This week we had a visit from Mrs Grewcock who explained her role as a fire fighter at the airport! The class really enjoyed having a go at wearing a firefighter's uniform including holding a hose and wearing the helmet. The children also enjoyed drawing a colouring firefighters and fire engines. Thank you, Mrs Grewcock!

The children are very excited by our topic next half term. Our Dinosaur topic word mat and parent leaflet overview is available to view on our class page and attached below. Photos of our new learning areas will be uploaded soon for you to enjoy.

### Home Learning Challenge

To copy the letters ear air ure and have a go at writing these independently. Please continue to practise reading your new tricky words.

In preparation for our new topic, we are asking you to take on a family challenge of creating something for our dinosaur display. This could be a junk model dinosaur that

you construct, dinosaur footprints made with salt dough or a fossil you may have found on the beach on a fossil hunt. Be creative, the choice is yours!

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday and look forward to seeing you, and your awesome dinosaur creations, on Monday 19th February.

Kind regards

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