

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had all have a restful half term. Mrs Maguire and I have been so impressed with how well Ladybirds returned to school.

During phonics this week we have introduced the children to the letters ss ff ll and the sounds that they make. With the double letters ff, ss and ll, it is important that your child understands that sometimes when we hear l or f in the middle or at the end of a word, we use both – two letters, one sound, such as hill, puff, bell and cliff. We call two letters that make one sound, a digraph. We have also introduced the final Phase 2 tricky word; into. Next week we will be consolidating all the Phase 2 sounds we have learnt before beginning Phase 3 the following week.

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

As Sunday is 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.

Next week Ladybirds will begin to attend Friday's Celebration assembly. If your child has been chosen to receive a Star of the Week certificate you will receive an Arbor email the day before.

This week's Secret Ladybirds

A huge well done to – Bonneville, Cooper, Ami, Claire and Ava who were chosen this week!

Home learning challenge

To copy the letters ss ll ff and have a go at writing your own. Please support your child to hold their pencil correctly as they do so. To encourage your child to hear the first sound in a word.

As part of our new topic, we are asking you to take on a family challenge of creating something for our Amazing Animals topic. This could be a junk model animal that you construct from recycled materials, salt dough animal prints, animal sock puppet, a shoe box habitat or even get creative using natural materials such as sticks and leaves to make a collage. Be creative, the choice is yours! We look forward to seeing your family challenges soon!

Kind regards

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