

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Learning Letter Week 8

Phonics

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 words; to into.

The first week back after half term we will be consolidating all the Phase 2 sounds we have learnt before beginning Phase 3 the following week.

Just a reminder that we are hosting a Phonics and Early Reading Workshop on Wednesday 20th November 3:30pm in the hall.

Maths

In maths we continued to focus on representations of 1 2 3 looking at 1 more and 1 less.

Topic – All About Me!

We had some lovely visitors this week from our local community. On Tuesday afternoon we had Hilary from the church visit the class to talk about all things Harvest and share a story about how a tomato becomes tomato soup. On Wednesday afternoon we had Kirstin from Wareham dump and food waste to talk about recycling.

Our new topic for next half term is ‘Amazing Animals.’ We will be naming, grouping and learning about the habitats of many different animals that we will meet in both stories such as The Emperor’s Egg and Handa’s Surprise as well as through sharing non-fiction texts.

Attached is a word mat to help you support your child in learning the new vocabulary that we will be using. There are copies of the attachments on our class page. These can be found under Class page – Ladybirds – Autumn Term 2 Amazing Animals.

Classroom and school expectations

This week we are continuing to read our “Golden rule” series of books. This week we focused on “We are honest...We don’t cover up the truth”

For this we discussed how we need to be honest in situations so that adults can help when needed. We did address that at times it can feel tricky to tell the truth as there could be a worry that we might get into trouble.

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.

Practice reading the tricky words: the no go I to into.

Final note

WOW! The last learning letter of Autumn Term 1! We hope Ladybirds have had a fantastic start to school life! Mrs Maguire and I are so proud of all that they have achieved so far. We are very excited to see what happens next half term!

Next half term Ladybirds will join the school for the Friday Star Awards assembly. During this assembly Two children are awarded a Star of the Week certificate and One child will be awarded a Value certificate. If your child has received a Star Award you will receive an Arbor message Thursday after school to invite you to join us in the hall for 2:30pm. Also, during this assembly, we celebrate golden tickets, if your child has read 4 times in a week, they are given a golden ticket to put in a rainbow bag and if their ticket is pulled, they can choose a book to take home.

Finally, may we take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and enjoyable half term and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 4th November.

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