

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our Marvellous Me topic we have listened to the story of The Colour Monster to name and talk about our feelings; happy/joyful/smiley/cheerful, sad/upset/miserable/glum, cross/frustrated/annoyed/angry, calm/relaxed/peaceful/quiet, nervous/scared/anxious/worried. We have created our own emotional barometer to share how we are feeling with others throughout the day.

During phonics this week we have introduced the children to the letters h b l f and the sounds that they make. We have also introduced the tricky words; the no go.

In maths we have been identifying representations of 1 2 3. We have practised our subitising skills by saying how many without needing to count and have made our own collections of 1 2 3 objects. We have matched the numerals 1 2 3 to amounts and used our own mark making to record the number.

Our new topic for the 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 if you are unable to open the attachment. These can be found under Class page – Ladybirds – Autumn Term 2 Amazing Animals. Here you will also find photographs of our new learning areas. The children have been super excited to see them come together today.

A big thank you for all the wonderful support that you give your child in following up, and practising, new learning. We have been most impressed with how well the children are enjoying Phonics. Your support really has made all the difference!

This weeks Secret Ladybirds

A huge well done to –Jenson, Leafy and Cooper who were chosen this week!

Home learning challenge

To copy the letters h b l f 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.

We have also sent home the first set of tricky words: the to no go I into. They are called tricky words because we cannot sound and blend to read them, there is a part that can trick us out! Please help your child to recognise these words. For those children who can already recall these quickly, their challenge is to practise writing these. A quick practise, little and often, is the best way to do this.

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 30th October.

Kind regards

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