

Dear Ladybirds and Bumblebees,

Please continue with the whole school learning projects that have been sent home already. We have also sent home a couple of extra books for the half term. Keep up the good reading!

Love Buzz and Lola



Week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents,

We cannot believe that it is the end of Term 1 already! A big well done to all of the children for settling in so well, we are really impressed by the effort they have shown and how well they have adapted to school life. The Bumblebees and Ladybirds have been busy this week looking at all things autumn; we have made some leaf crafts and even carved some pumpkins! This week also concluded our 'transport' theme, which has covered 'The Naughty Bus' and 'Whatever Next'. The children have loved learning all about both these topics and we have seen some fantastic learning throughout this term. Some of which include; making bus tickets, going on imaginary bus trips and even trips to the moon! They children really have shown such enthusiasm for their learning this term and we cannot wait to see this continue in Term 2.

After the half term break, our learning will be based around the theme of 'Toys'. Please could we ask that all children bring in their favourite teddy on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**. During the term, we will be learning about lots of different toys from different stages of childhood, linking to 'Past and Present' in the EYFS Curriculum. We will be looking at Teddy Bears within our own families, which we look forward to learning about together with you. If you have any very old teddies or toys that you would be willing for to share with the children (supervised of course!) we would be very grateful. Also next term, we will be considering festivals from our own culture as well as different ones, including Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas.

For Maths next term, we will be looking at linking numerals to their names and amounts, up to 5 as well as exploring the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how many there are in total ('cardinal principle'). We will be learning that numbers are made up (composed) of smaller numbers. (1-5) through exploration and play.

Thank you for continuing to read with your child and for helping them to learn their sounds. You will find the new sounds they have learnt this week in their book bags (j, v, w, x). We have been so pleased with how the children's reading is progressing recently and it is so important that they continue to read regularly at home and at school, for this progress to continue, particularly over the half term break. Happy reading!

#### Dates for diary:

- Return to school **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**
- **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Children to bring in their favourite teddy.
- P.E for term 2 will be on a **Monday** and a **Thursday**- please come to school dressed for P.E on these days.
- **FLU vaccinations - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**- Your child will be offered a free flu vaccination from the School Public Health and Kent and Medway Immunisation Service. This will be given in school and is a painless gentle squirt up the nose. This week you should have received information about how to opt in or out of this vaccination.
- **Parent Consultations -**  
**Bumblebees** – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November  
**Ladybirds** – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Finally, we wish you all a wonderful and relaxing half term break and look forward to seeing the children back into school on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

The Foundation Team