

Dear Ladybirds and Bumblebees,

For home learning this week, we would like you to think about this term's theme of 'Growing'. When you are out and about this weekend, what can you see in the environment that grows? Can you talk to a grown up about this or draw us a picture of what you spot!

Love Lola and Buzz



Week beginning 17th April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 5; we hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter holiday. We have had such an exciting first week back. On Tuesday something had arrived in our classroom! In the Bumblebees, we now have some caterpillars! The Bumblebees and Ladybirds are very excited to see them grow and move through the life cycle as they change into a butterfly. I am sure they will tell you all about it.

This week, we have begun to look at the life cycle of a butterfly and even heard the story of 'The very Hungry Caterpillar'. On Thursday, the children arrived to a strange mess in the classroom. There seemed to be pieces of eaten fruit left around. The children think that it may have been the caterpillars or a butterfly. We then go to work writing some down our ideas in the form of a story.

For our Maths learning, the children have continued to develop their subitising skills (seeing the quantity without counting) in increasingly complex arrangements. Some arrangements are easier to subitise than others – e.g. a set of 6 dots arranged in a structured die pattern. A key focus this week has been the children's developing understanding of doubles to support their subitising skills.

As always, please ensure you are writing in the home school diary when you and your child have read a book. This helps us change them swiftly and ensures the love for reading continues.

PE

Apologies for the recent confusion regarding P.E days. This term P.E will be on a **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Children are to still come into school in their PE kit on these days. For P.E, the Bumblebees and Ladybirds will be starting Balanceability sessions. These sessions will help your child coordinate and use a balance bike. It is run by an outside agency who provides all the equipment. They will explore ways to travel, move and weave the bikes across the playground focusing on stopping when asked watching out for pedestrians.

Dates for your diaries:

- **Monday 1st May:** Bank Holiday (School Closed)
- **Thursday 4th May:** Book Share
- **Monday 8th May :** Bank Holiday (School Closed)
- **Friday 26th May:** End of Term 5

Please remember that if you have any queries or questions write us a note in the home school diary and will find a time to answer your question.

The Foundation Team