

Dear Ladybirds and Bumblebees,

This week we have learnt the Rainbow Word 'the'. Rainbow words are words that we cannot currently sound out and we just have to remember it! 'The' is a very common word. Choose one of your favourite books at home and see how many times you can spot the word 'the'! Why not keep a tally in your home-school diary as you go.

Love Buzz and Lottie



Week beginning 23rd September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in English, we have continued our 'Bear Hunt' learning and we have innovated the story and made our own individual story maps. This means that we have made changes to the original story but kept the structure the same. Ask your child if they can remember what type of animal they were hunting for in their story and where their journey took them. The children came up with some great, creative ideas!

We have also been focusing on the story 'The Colour Monster' this week and thinking about which colours represent different feelings and emotions for us and things that make us feel particular emotions.

In Maths this week, we have been looking at how numbers can be composed of 1s, for example '1 and another 1 is 2' and '1 and 1 and 1 makes 3'.

We have also been learning about the Characteristics of Effective Learning this week. The Characteristics of Effective Learning describe behaviours children use in order to learn effectively and they come under three main headings: playing and exploring, active learning, and creating and thinking critically. We have introduced these to the children through animal mascots that are on display in our classroom and a story about them working together to build a playground. You can find the characters at the end of the newsletter.

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 (g, o, c, k) in their book bags today. It would be great if you could get the children to demonstrate the sounds and actions that they have learnt this week, as well as having a go at blending some of the words on the accompanying word lists too. You will also find the word 'the' included in the sound packs this week. We call this a 'Rainbow Word' and it is a word that we need to remember by sight, as we are unable to sound it out.

Thank you to those who attended the phonics workshop on Thursday evening; we hope you found it useful. If you were unable to attend, there will be a short Phonics recap session during our PJ Night on the 2nd of October. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Dates for your diaries

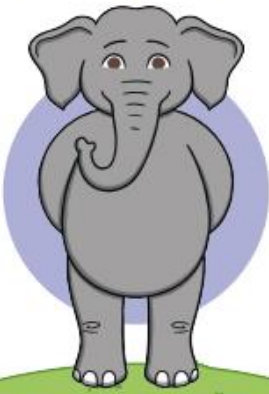
- **Monday 30th September – Friday 4th October** - Book Week
- **Wednesday 2nd October 6-7pm** – PJ Night

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

The Foundation Team

Characteristics of Effective Learning

Exploring Elephant



I explore and plan my ideas.



Slinky-Linky Snake



I can make links between ideas.



Persevering Parrot



I keep trying.



Go-For-It Gorilla



I try new activities based on my interests.



Analysing Alligator



I am beginning to correct my mistakes by myself.



Reflecting Rhino



I can check my progress and see how well I'm doing.



Proud Peacock



I achieve my goals.



Creative Chameleon



I have my own ideas.



Choosing Chimp



I make independent choices.



