

Dear Ladybirds and Bumblebees,

Over the half-term break, we would like you to go on an Autumn walk, if possible. Can you draw what you see in your Home Learning Diary? Challenge yourself and label what you see!



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Love Buzz and Lottie



Week Beginning 21st October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, what an amazing first term we have had in the Bumblebees and Ladybirds! We have had so many achievements, we can't possibly list them all but some of the highlights are that all children are coming into school independently, we have been to our first assembly with the KS1 children and we have learnt all of the single letter sounds in the alphabet.

Thank you for coming to see us at the Parent Consultations this week; it was great to be able to talk to you about how your children have settled into school life and their achievements so far. We hope you feel as proud of them as we do! We can hardly believe that it is the end of Term 1 already, but we are aware that the children are ready for a bit of rest and relaxation now!

This week concluded our 'Journeys' theme, which covered We're Going on a Bear Hunt and Whatever Next. The children completed their Whatever Next Hot Tasks this week and we loved seeing how much they remembered from the story and seeing how far they have come in identifying the initial sounds in words. Great job, Ladybirds and Bumblebees!

After the half term break, our learning will be based around the theme of 'Toys'. Please could we ask that all children bring in one of their favourite teddies on Wednesday 6th November, as we will be drawing and writing about them. 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 also 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.

Thank you for continuing to read with your child and for helping them to learn their sounds. Just a reminder that the children should be working through the 'Look and See' sound book with you, saying the sounds, recognising the specific sound within a word and blending the sounds together to say the word. The 'Sharing' book is a book for you to read and enjoy with your child; we would not expect them to be reading these independently. You will find the new sounds they have learnt this week in their book bags (y, z, qu, ch), alongside the rainbow word 'me'. 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, for this progress to continue, particularly over the half term break.

Dates for your diaries

- **Monday 4th November – Start of Term 2. Back to school 4th November 2024**
- **Wednesday 6th November - Bring your favourite teddy to school**

- **Term 2 PE days will continue to be Monday and Friday.**

We hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing half term and enjoy the break,

The Foundation Team