

Dear Ladybirds and Bumblebees,

We have a challenge for you this week! At the end of this newsletter, you will find some secret words for you to solve. Write the initial sound from each picture in the box underneath to reveal the secret word. Once you've revealed the word, see if you can read it.

Good luck!

Love Buzz and Lottie



Week beginning 13th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another fun and exciting week in the Ladybirds and Bumblebees classroom!

In literacy, we have been exploring the story Superworm. The children have enjoyed using actions, role play, and story maps to help them learn and remember the text. They worked collaboratively in groups to sequence the story's events and used their phonics skills to label different parts of the story.

In maths, we have been creating and identifying repeating patterns. It's wonderful to see the children becoming more mathematically observant and able to explain the rules to continue these patterns. We have also been developing our perceptual subitising skills, moving from simpler arrangements like dots in a line to more complex ones, such as standard dice patterns.

Reading continues to be a highlight! We encourage you to keep practising the flashcards we've provided, particularly focusing on the sounds -er, -ue, and -ure, which we've noticed some children find tricky. Your support at home is making a real difference—thank you!

In our wider curriculum, we have been learning about what makes people special to us and exploring why Jesus was special in RE. In topic work, we've looked at different forms of air travel, both past and present, and in PE, the children have had great fun learning new dance moves to the beat of 8.

Thank you for sending in the t-shirts for our superhero activity next week. Of course, if you have any trouble sourcing one, please let us know as we do have some spares. The t-shirts can be any size but not smaller than the child.

#### **Dates for Your Diary**


- Wednesday 22nd January – Writing Workshop with Mr. Evans at 5:30 pm in the main hall. This is an opportunity to find out more about how we teach writing in Foundation and Year 1 here at Sandgate.
- Friday 24th January – SEN Coffee Morning at 8:45 am in the Community Room

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.


Warm regards,

The Foundation Team


Write the initial sound of each word in the box underneath the picture (e.g. 'b' for bird, 'a' for apple) Say all three sounds and blend them together to read the secret word.




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Vocabulary we will be introducing next week-

### Computing

**Internet:** A giant network that connects computers, phones, and tablets all over the world. It helps us find information, play games, watch videos, and talk to people.

**Computers:** A machine that can help us do work, play games, and learn things

**Information:** Things we tell or show to others, like pictures, words, or ideas.

**'posting' and 'sharing':** Putting pictures, words, or ideas on the computer or phone so other people can see them.

**digital footprint:** A trail or mark we leave on the computer or phone when we do things like share pictures or play games.

### The Natural World

**Environment:** The world around us, like the air, water, plants, and animals.

**Recycling:** Taking old things, like paper or plastic, and turning them into something new to use again.

**Symbols:** Little pictures or signs that stand for something, like a heart for love or a stop sign for stopping.

**Aerial Image:** A picture of the ground taken from up high, like from a plane or a drone.