

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!

Love Buzz and Lottie



Week Beginning 13th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, what an amazing first term we have had in the Bumblebees and Ladybirds! The children have achieved so much; we couldn't possibly list everything, but some of the highlights include everyone coming into school independently, confidently joining in with classroom routines, and consistently showing our school values. We hope you feel as proud of them as we do! It's hard to believe that Term 1 has already come to an end, and we know the children are ready for a well-deserved rest and some relaxation over the break. We look forward to seeing you all at the Parent Teacher Consultations after half term.

This week, we concluded our 'Journeys' theme, which included *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and *Whatever Next*. The children completed their *Whatever Next* hot tasks, and we were so impressed by how much they remembered from the story and how far they have come in identifying initial sounds in words. Great job, Ladybirds and Bumblebees!

In Maths, we have been focusing on the language of comparison, exploring concepts such as *more than*, *fewer than*, *less than*, *heavier*, *lighter*, *bigger*, *smaller*, *longer*, and *shorter*. Any opportunities to practise this language at home during everyday conversations would be greatly appreciated, as we want the children to speak confidently and accurately about their mathematical ideas.

After the half term break, our new learning theme will be 'Toys'. Please could each child bring in one of their favourite teddies on **Wednesday 29th October**, as we will be drawing and writing about them. During the term, we will explore a variety of toys from different stages of childhood, linking to the *Past and Present* aspect of the EYFS curriculum. We will also be learning about teddy bears within our own families, and we look forward to sharing these stories together. If you have any old or special toys that you would be happy for us to show the children (supervised, of course!), we would be very grateful.

Thank you for continuing to support your child's reading and phonics learning at home. Regular reading at home makes a huge difference, especially over the half term break. As a reminder, children should be using their 'Look and See' sound book to practise saying the sounds, identifying them within words, and blending them to read simple words. The 'Sharing Book' is designed for you to read and enjoy together, we do not expect the children to read these independently. Please note: from now on, we will be changing *Sharing Books* on **Tuesdays**, so you'll have your current book for one extra day while we adjust our schedule. Please ensure sharing books are in book bags on a Tuesday, and you have written a quick note to let us know you have read them, if you would like them to be changed.

Dates for your diaries

- **Monday 27th October** - First Day of Term 2
- **Wednesday 29th October** - Bring your favourite teddy to school
- **Friday 31st October** - INSET- No children at school
- **Monday 3rd November and Thursday 6th November**- Parent Teacher Consultations (come to your child's classroom)
- Term 2 PE days will continue to be Monday and Friday.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and enthusiasm. We wish you a lovely and restful half term break!

The Foundation Team