

Dear Ladybirds and Bumblebees,

As you have now found out who your teacher will be next year, we thought it would be a great idea for you to make them a poster telling them all about yourself. It would be great if you could write a few simple sentences as well as drawing a picture of yourself.

Love Lottie and Buzz



Week beginning 1st July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an exciting week it has been this week, finding out who our Year 1 teachers will be and spending some time with them in our new classrooms, as well as having them come to our current classrooms for Explorers Time!

In Literacy this week, we have been learning about recounts and verbally and pictorially recounting our trip to Wingham Wildlife Park. We have also been focusing on story invention and writing simple sentences from stories that we have invented in small groups.

In Maths, we have recapped repeating patterns and doubles.

In Phonics, we are one lesson away from the end of Phase 5a of the Animaphonics scheme. Until now, the new digraphs we have been learning have been alternative graphemes: this means they have been new spellings of sounds we have already learnt (for example, 'ay' making the same sound as 'ai'). However, this week we learnt an alternative phoneme, which is when a digraph we have already learnt makes a different sound. Last week we recapped 'ow', as in 'now' and 'cow', then this week we learnt that 'ow' can also make the 'oa' sound, as in 'bow' and 'snow'. The children will go on to learn more alternative phonemes in Year 1. We will be spending the remaining Phonics lessons of the year recapping previously taught digraphs and Rainbow Words and continuing to practise blending and reading simple sentences.

We appreciate that it is a busy time of year for many, but we do ask that you continue to read with your children as often as possible, as well as helping them to practise their sounds and reading and writing their Rainbow Words. This really does make such a positive difference to the children, and will put them in good stead for Year 1.

In the wider curriculum this week, we have been learning about what Christians and Muslims believe about how God/Allah created the Earth, and we have been practising singing to a beat and learning about onomatopoeia.

Thank you all very much for the donations that have come in for our Summer Fete next week; they are greatly appreciated.

We hope those of you who are attending Camp Night tonight have a great time!

Dates for your diaries:

- **Friday 12th July** - Summer Fair
- **Wednesday 17th July** - Foundation Celebration Event, 2-3pm (see separate letter for further details)
- **Friday 19th July** – Last day of term for the children
- **Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July**– Staff Development Day (No children in school)

Thank you for your ongoing support,
The Foundation Team