



# Ladybird News



March 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope we are all well. I have been very pleased last half term that the children started coming into the classroom on their own in the morning and have managed it well without any problems. The children are becoming very responsible for their coats and book bags, which is excellent preparation for year 1. Well done Ladybirds!

The children have all made good progress in their reading since September which has made me very proud of them all. Please continue reading at home with your child. Recording that you have done so in the communication book for me to see is also helpful, thank you. We have started a new reading award scheme for the children who are reading the most at home, so please remember to sign their diaries so they don't miss out.

Homework books go home on a Friday for you to look at over the weekend. This homework is set to help your child with specific needs and age related targets. If you ever need any addition help/resources at home please write a note in the diary and I will try to get you them ASAP!

From Miss Haywood

## Some of what we will be learning so far...

- The children are moving through the phonics scheme at their own pace. Some children will be moving onto units where there is more than one letter, but they make 1 sound (for example 'off' is only 2 sounds as the ff makes one sound, 'boy' is 2 sounds 'b' and 'oy')
- We are working hard to remember our 100 high frequency words (e.g. the, me, they). These words we want to remember instead of having to decode and read, this is because they are used regularly in the books we read.
- In maths we are working hard at counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. We are also learning to add 2 numbers together.
- Our role play area will be a library where the children can enjoy cooking and serving up some foods from around the world.

## Bits to remember

- **Please remember to remove earing on PE days (Tuesdays and Thursday).** All items of jewellery have to be removed for PE and we cannot accept responsibility for the security of these items. It is not safe to do PE activities wearing jewellery. If you have any concerns about this please ask me and I will be pleased to advise you.
- Please check new clothing for names, we are finding jumpers without names in and therefore do not know who to return them to.
- Please ensure your child has footwear they can fasten up themselves. They are a lot of children with laces that they cannot tie yet. Please try to provide velcro or slip ons whilst you are teaching them to tie laces.



We had lots of fun in the role play area last term, learning all of the body parts!

## Dates for your diary

### This month

1<sup>st</sup> March Parents evening

8<sup>th</sup> March Parents evening

3<sup>rd</sup> March World Book day – Children will be invited to come into school dressed up as their favourite book character if they wish too.

14<sup>th</sup> March Science week

24<sup>th</sup> March (Thursday) Last day of term

### Next month

12<sup>th</sup> April Return to school.

