

# Ladybirds Home learning newsletter No. 14 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024



## THIS TERM

Happy new year to all of our Ladybirds and families. We all hope that you had a lovely Christmas and a restful break. Thank you once again for your kind words and generosity. Our topic this term is '**Magic!**' and our weekly stories will follow that theme.

**This week** we have talked about our Christmas and New Year celebrations. We have learnt the story of Cinderella and creating the numbers zero to five. We have practised phase 3 diagraphs in phonics. In PE, we have learnt ball control skills.

### Next week

Our in-class text will be 'Ali and the magic carpet', a similar story to Aladdin, plus we'll be looking at signs of Winter.



## PLEASE OF THE WEEK

Please send your child in with (named) gloves and a hat on colder days. The children keep these in their bag or tray during the day. We endeavor to reunite all belongings with their owners, so please be patient while we try to locate items.

*We have a few homeless gloves in class. Please ask a member of staff if you need to be reunited!*

**Thank you**

## Literacy + Maths learning

**Please practice:**

**Phonics:** new phase 3 sounds:  
ai ee igh oa in words.

**Tricky/high frequency words:**  
is it in at and the, to, no, go, I he she  
we me be

### **Caterpillar letters and words -**

Continue to read these at home.

Remember: we test the children reading these in any order.

**Reading:** **Minimum reading 4 times per week**

Online support **Oxford Owl books (free)**  
[www.teachyourmonstertoread.com](http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com)

**Our story this week:**

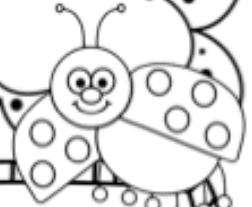
**Cinderella**

**Maths:**

Sing along to our

'Zero superhero' song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6RfIKgkvHTY>



## Optional activity of the week:

### Signs of Winter

When out and about, please look for signs of Winter including frost, snow, ice, birds feeding, berries on bushes, or winter clothing! Children can take a photo and send it to us on Tapestry.

## Latest news

Dates for your diary:

**Mon 12th to Fri 16th Feb - Half Term**

Tues 5th March - Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening

Thurs 7th March - World Book Day

Thurs 28th March - Last day of Spring term - Children finish at 1pm

[mrswhite@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:mrswhite@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk)