

# Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter

Friday 4th May 2018

## Phonics

This week the children have been exploring phonemes **ear** and **air**. If you are unsure of how these phonemes sound, please consult Mr. Thorne.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EneZ1UubxSA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NcHIX2xK--A>

Please practise reading and writing ear and air words, these can include, ear, hear, tear, pair, hair, lair etc.

Please continue to use Epic Phonics to help children learn their tricky words. These songs can also be found on youtube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvMyssfAUx0>

## Literacy

In Darling Class, we have continued to investigate our topic 'Wild Animals'. This week we have focused on exploring a non-fiction book about dangerous animals. The children really enjoyed learning about how animals hunt for their prey, how snakes use poison and how sharks have a fantastic sense of smell. The children then made fantastic posters about a dangerous animal which has escaped from the zoo.

Please discuss with your child dangerous animals and what they use to protect their family, attack their prey etc.

Deadly 60 on cbbc shows some excellent clips of dangerous animals.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/deadly-60>

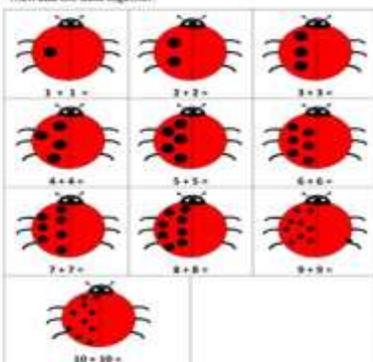
In Garry Class, we have continued our topic of pirates through the book '10 Little Pirates.' The children really enjoyed the rhyming in the story and all the ways each pirate disappeared from the ship. The children created fantastic paintings of what they would be like if they were a pirate, alongside of writing about what their pirate would like to do. Please continue to bring in your pirate books from home, we are really enjoying all the stories!

## Mathematics

This week we have been exploring doubling numbers up to 20. The children have used ladybirds and explored putting 3 spots on one side and then the same on the other side. We discussed how doubling is adding on the same number again. Please explore the following doubling with your child and model to them how you can write a number sentence to record your sum.

I can recall doubles.

Draw dots on the right side of each ladybird to match the left side.  
Then add the dots together.



With kind regards, Ms Woods, Mrs Stowe, Mrs Wilkes, Miss Bishop and Miss Conde