



23rd September 2016

Dear Parents,

In phonics this week the children have been learning to listen to rhyming words and complete a rhyming string. Please practice some rhyming games at home. You might like to play the 'odd one out' game that I have attached and show us which ones they were able to do by sticking them into their sharing book.

In maths this week the children have been learning to recognise patterns around them and create repeating patterns using transport, toys and shapes. Please encourage your child to practice this skill over the weekend. You might like to access the game 'Pattern Matcher' on the Topmarks website as the children seemed to really enjoy this.

#### Small Reminders

- Please remember that we collect the sharing book (the green one) in on a Monday and return it on a Friday. If you would like this back to add something please ask.
- We have noticed that many of the children are asking for help to put on and take off their jumpers, coats, socks and shoes. Please begin to build up their independence by challenging them to dress and undress themselves in the morning and at night. This will help prepare them for our PE lessons.
- At lunchtime the children are encouraged to use a knife and fork to cut up and eat their food. Please encourage your child to practice using a fork to eat peas, sweetcorn, baked beans and other vegetables instead of a spoon to support them with this at school.
- On Tuesday the Courier newspaper will be visiting to take a class photo to feature in their starting school feature. Keep your eyes out for this in the paper in a few weeks.
- Don't forget to look on the school website to see photos and information about Ladybird class. This will be updated throughout the year to show some of the exciting learning we have been involved in. You can find this by visiting: <http://www.broadwater-down.kent.sch.uk> clicking on the curriculum tab and then selecting Yr R Ladybird class.

Miss Hughes

