



12th October 2016

Dear Parents,

In phonics this week the children have been learning to segment words. They have been learning to say words slowly to hear the initial, middle and end phonemes in three letter words. You might like to play the game 'Climb the Beanstalk' attached. Lay a rope or scarf on the floor. Place the coins at the top of the beanstalk and ask your child to segment the picture you hold up e.g. they would segment each letter to say c-a-t and you would blend saying "yes it's a cat". Child tiptoes to the top of the beanstalk and collects one coin. The winner is the person with the most coins. Please model the skill of segmenting with your child to support them to learn this new skill. You could also play this game in reverse to help them practise their blending skills.

In maths this week the children have been learning to use language linked to time correctly e.g. yesterday, tomorrow, last weekend, next Saturday, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We have learnt a song to help us remember the days of the week. Ask your child to sing are 'Days of the Week' song. You might like to find it on youtube to help them remember: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIvQQab000Q>
We have also practised following positional language instructions and using the correct language to describe an objects position.

Information

- Thank you to those of you who sent me photos of your pets. The children have loved sharing these with their friends and seeing their pets on display in our classroom. If you would still like to do this please send them to our class email address ladybird@broadwater-down.kent.sch.uk or send your child in with a photo to show us.
- On Wednesday the 19th October I will be out of class for the morning on a course. The children will be prepared for this change and Mrs Woodward will ensure the morning runs as smoothly as normal. Mrs Crook will be covering in Ladybird class and the children have met her several times already.
- Next Thursday the 20th October is individual photo day. Please make sure your child is in the correct uniform and looks especially smart.
- Please check your child has handed you the confirmation slip for parents evening. Appointments have been organised by first come first served basis so if you are unable to make your appointment time please come and see me as I may have some alternative time slots. I look forward to meeting with you, Miss Hughes

