

# Ladybirds Class

## Important information



## Spring term themes: Magic! then Olden Days

We will focus on learning about lots of types of magic through magical stories. We will use texts to signpost a variety of child-led activities including potion making, magical journeys and dressing up. Then, after half term, our topic is Olden days where we will look at stories, videos and objects from the past.

We also incorporate seasonal events into our days including making bird feeders, looking for signs of Spring, Chinese new year and the start of Lent in the run up to Easter.

### Children's Questions

- Can we make magic wands?
- Is magic real?
- Can everyone do magic?
- How can we make spells and potions?

### Other Information (dates and events)

#### Spring Term 2022

Fri 11th Feb - Children finish at normal time for half term  
 (Half Term - Mon 14th February to Fri 18th February 2022)  
 Mon 21st Feb - INSET Day - School is closed to pupils  
 Tues 22nd Feb - Children return to school  
 Fri 1st April - Last day of Spring term - Children finish at 1pm

(Easter holidays - Monday 4th April - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022)

#### Summer Term 2022

Tues 19th April - Children return to school  
 Mon 2nd May - Bank Holiday - School closed  
 Fri 27th May - Children finish at normal time for half term  
 (Half Term - Mon 30th May to Fri 3rd June 2022)  
 Mon 6th June - Children return to school  
 Mon 20th June - INSET Day - School Closed  
 Fri 22nd July - Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm

# Ladybirds Weekly Overview

Spring Term  
'Magic!' and 'Olden Days'



## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- playing with friends
- sharing and taking turns
- looking after ourselves and learning about self-regulation
- being support others when they are having difficulty



## Communication and Language

- following instructions
- retelling parts of a story
- communicating wants and needs clearly
- learning to sit and listen
- role play
- telling stories using pictures



## Physical Development

- washing our hands thoroughly
- gross and fine motor skill development
- finger strengthening exercises and pencil control
- PE - Sessions on a Tuesday. Wear PE instead of uniform on this day.
- Daily playground sessions



## Literacy

- name writing
- weekly rhymes
- phonics phase 3 and high frequency words
- reading - individual, group, caterpillar words
- choosing a story to read at the end of the day
- mark making/early writing



## Mathematics

- number bonds
- More/less/equal
- subitising
- addition
- capacity
- puzzles and construction
- shapes

## Understanding the World



- talking about ourselves, our families and our homes - similarities and differences
- Seasons: Winter and Spring
- Helping wildlife
- Learning about significant dates inc. Burns night, Chinese New Year and Lent



## Expressive Arts and Design

- music sessions
- role play
- arts and crafts
- seasonal art
- artist of the month



## Outdoor learning

- developing social skills
- building confidence
- teamwork
- risk taking
- exploring

## Other things you could do/ places to visit:

- Look for signs of Spring
- Use your learning in life skills e.g. cooking and gardening using maths skills
- Play games with family members

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year. We hope you all have had a good break.

**Overview:**

Please find enclosed information regarding topics and timetables. The themes for this term are 'Magic!' and 'Olden Days'. On the overview, you will see the theme that your child will be working on, and the other curriculum areas which will also be covered. Communication is very important between home and school and at Stepgates Community School we want you to be fully informed. You can do through Tapestry online learning journal, email, and phone.

**Home Learning when not in lockdown:**

A home learning newsletter will be sent home on a Thursday and we request that you complete activities by the Tuesday. This may be a number or phonics activity, or to share an experience on Tapestry e.g. spotting daffodils on a walk. The task will often be open ended and most activities will be practical or talk based. Every Monday and Thursday the children will be given a levelled reading book. They will also be tested on the caterpillar words and sounds, so please keep practising these. Please comment and sign the reading record so we know you have read with your child at least four times a week.

**School Uniform:**

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform. On Tuesdays, children will need to wear their PE kit (red t-shirt, black shorts, red sweatshirt and black tracksuit trousers) for PE sessions which will take place in the afternoon. Children are not permitted to wear earrings in PE lessons so earrings should be removed at home. **PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL UNIFORM IS LABELLED INCLUDING SHOES.**

**Water Bottles:** Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle (that they recognise) so they can help themselves to a drink when needed.

We have high expectations of the children in Ladybirds and wish to celebrate their success. Your child will be rewarded with stickers, certificates and raffle tickets and whole class gems. These rewards will be given for effort, kindness and good behaviour, and we know that you will enjoy sharing their achievements.

Yours faithfully

*Mrs. White*

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