

Ladybirds Class Important information



Autumn



term



learning

Theme: Amazing Me!



Overview

Welcome to a new term!

The curriculum overview shows the key learning themes your child will be exploring, along with the other subjects that will be covered throughout the term. We value strong communication between home and school and want to keep you informed about your child's learning. We look forward to working together to support your child's progress and success.



School Uniform

Please ensure your child wears the correct school uniform every day.

On Tuesdays, when Reception have PE, children should come to school wearing their full PE kit, including suitable clothing for cooler weather, as lessons may take place outdoors. If needed, a Forest School kit list is available from Miss Dyos, our Forest School Leader. More information about Forest School sessions will be shared later in the term. In addition, if your child is taking part in school swimming lessons this term, please refer to the letter sent by Mrs Trowbridge (PE Subject Leader) for details of the required kit.



Home Learning

Home learning suggestions will be given each week on a Friday, via the Ladybird class newsletter. These are not compulsory but follow on from what we have been learning in class in regards to number and phonics. We request that you help support your child to help underpin their learning. Evidence can be sent on Tapestry, although lots of the activities will be play or discussion led. You can share an experience on Tapestry e.g. riding a bike without stabilisers. Children love to share these experiences as a 'show and tell' activity. Each Week the children will be given a reading book to practise at home. These initially will have no words, just pictures, to encourage imaginative storytelling, until we feel your child is ready to start reading. Every child develops at a different pace. Please read with your child a minimum of 4 times a week and comment and sign the reading record so we know you have read with your child. Children will have a 'caterpillar' word and sound book to practise. This intervention boosts your child's reading ability. We will test your child on these sounds once a week. Please keep your child's reading record, reading book and caterpillar word book in your child's bag at all times.



Parent / Carer Evening

Our Autumn Term Parents' Evenings will take place on **Monday 12 October** and **Tuesday 13 October** in the School Hall.

Information about how to book an appointment will be sent out nearer the time.

For details of other important dates throughout the year, including class assemblies, please visit our website, follow our social media channels, and look out for Mrs Ford's fortnightly 'Headlines' newsletter.



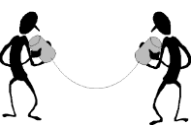
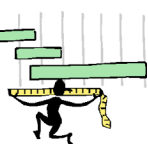
Water Bottles

Even when the weather is cooler, please encourage your child to bring a clearly labelled water bottle to school each day so they can stay hydrated during lessons and throughout the day.

We have high expectations for all children in Ladybirds and love to celebrate their achievements. Children can earn stickers, team points, certificates and raffle tickets for their effort, positive attitude and good behaviour. We know you will enjoy sharing and celebrating these successes with them.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. We look forward to seeing you later in the term. If you have any questions, worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me using the email address below.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Thompson

 Personal, Social and Emotional Development • Making friends • Learning rules and routines • Rewards - stickers on individual reward charts, whole class rewards = gems in the jar, whole school rewards = raffle tickets with a chance to win a prize.	 Communication and Language • Talking about ourselves and our families • What do we look like and how do we feel? • Learning to sit and listen • Role play • Telling stories using pictures • Talking partners	 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 • Daily phonics and literacy • Reading - individual/group, caterpillar words • Choosing a story to read at the end of the day • Mark making/early writing	 Mathematics ▪ Understanding, counting and singing with numbers ▪ Sorting ▪ Comparing groups ▪ Puzzles and construction shapes	 Understanding the World • Talking about ourselves, our families and our homes - similarities and differences • Seasons: Autumn • Harvest Festival • Diwali • Christmas
 Expressive Arts and Design • Music sessions • Role play • Arts and crafts • Self portraits	 Outdoor learning • Developing social skills • Building confidence • Teamwork • Risk taking • Exploring	Other things you could do/ places to visit: • Explore the outdoors with your senses - a walk in the woods or by the river • Notice seasonal changes • Talk to friends who have started at other schools - what experiences are the same/different?



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