

Ladybirds Class

Important information



Autumn term themes:

Amazing Me! then Colours

We will focus on learning about ourselves, our families and about each other for this half term. Then, after half term, our focus will be on colours in the world around us, mixing colours, stories with a colour theme, Diwali and Christmas.

Children's Questions

- What do we do in Reception class?
- Can we do arts and crafts?
- Can we do painting?
- Can we go outside to play?
- When do we learn letters and numbers?

Other Information

Friday 17th September - Jeans for Genes Mufti Day

Friday 24th September - Macmillan coffee morning 9:45am

Friday 22nd October - School closed for Platinum Jubilee day

Thursday 21st October - Children finish at normal time for half term

Mon 25th to Fri 29th October - Half Term - school closed

Monday 1st November - Children return to school

Mon 6th December 2021—INSET Day - School closed

Fri 17th December 2021 - Last day of Autumn term - Children finish at 1pm

(Christmas holidays - Mon 20th December 2021 to Mon 3rd January 2022)

Tues 4th January 2022 - INSET Day - School closed

SPRING TERM 2022

Wed 5th January 2022 - Children return to school

Ladybirds Weekly Overview

Autumn Term

'Amazing Me!' and 'Colours'



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



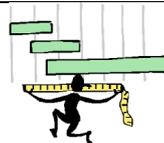
Physical Development

- 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
- 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?

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to all our families, we hope you had a fun and safe summer.

Overview:

Please find enclosed information regarding topics and timetables. The themes for this term is 'Amazing Me!' and 'Colours'. 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:

Home learning suggestions will be given each week on a Thursday, via the class newsletter, and we request that you complete activities by the Tuesday. Evidence can be sent on Tapestry although lots of the activities will be play or discussion led. Number and phonics activities are suggested, or share an experience on Tapestry e.g. taking an Autumn walk. The optional 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. 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.

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 and open, so they can help themselves to a drink when needed. They can take their water bottle home each day or leave it at school (and we will wash it out and refill it).

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 gems. These rewards will be given for effort, kindness, politeness and good behaviour and we know that you will enjoy sharing their achievements.

Yours faithfully

Mrs. White

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