

**Ladybirds Class
Important information**



Summer



term



learning:

Creatures Great and Small & Around the World



Overview

Please find enclosed information regarding topics and timetables. The themes for the Summer are *Creatures Great and Small* and *Around the World*. On the overview opposite, you will see the themes 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 Step gates Community School, we want you to be fully informed.



School
Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform, according to the school handbook. Children can wear summer dresses or school shorts on milder days. If your child is wearing a summer dress, it may be worth considering some PE style shorts underneath. On Tuesdays, children will still need to wear their PE kit 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 ensure all uniform is named.



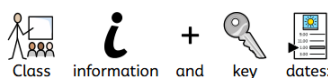
Home
Learning

The Ladybirds newsletter will continue to be sent home and we request that you complete any home learning activities, especially reading. There will be a greater emphasis on writing as part of home learning this term to ensure children have more opportunities to improve in this area. Every Monday, the children will be given a levelled reading book. Please comment and sign the reading record so we know you have read with your child at least four times a week. Please continue with 'Caterpillar words' and learning Phase 2,3, and 4 tricky words.



Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a named bottle of water to class to ensure they can have a drink during the day. These can be topped up regularly throughout the day.



Class information and key dates:

For your reference:

- Friday 19th June @ 9.05am is Ladybirds class assembly.

For full information about forthcoming important dates for the school year, including class assemblies, please refer to our website and our fortnightly "Headlines" newsletter sent by Mrs Ford.

We have high expectations of the children in Ladybirds and wish to celebrate their success. Your child will be rewarded in class with stickers, team points, certificates and raffle tickets. These rewards will be given for effort and good behaviour and we know that you will enjoy sharing their achievements. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and we look forward to seeing you later on in the term. If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me directly on the email address listed below.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Bywater



Ladybirds Weekly Overview

Summer Term

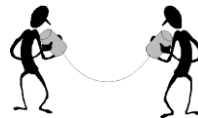


'Creatures Great and small and Around the world'



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- looking after myself, developing self-regulation
- mediating in friendship groups
- solving conflicts and making suggestions



Communication and Language

- understanding and following instructions
- using speech to explain meaning
- ask questions of my learning
- discussing and understanding topics e.g. transition to Year 1



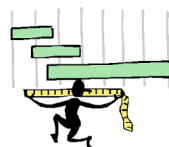
Physical Development

- have confidence in running, jumping, hopping and climbing
- use tools effectively, to achieve outcomes
- form letters and numbers accurately
- taking part in dance sessions and races



Literacy

- retelling stories
- answering comprehension questions
- knowledge and application of our phonics to support early reading
- writing simple words and sentences, that are decodable by an adult.



Mathematics

- composition of numbers up to 20
- symmetry
- comparing quantities of objects
- subitising
- develop deeper understanding of number



Understanding the World

- seasons: Spring and Summer
- learning about animals in the natural world
- life cycle of animals
- observing the life cycle of caterpillars
- discovering countries around the world



Expressive Arts and Design

- Music sessions
- Role play
- Imaginative story telling
- Arts and crafts
- Seasonal art
- Artist of the month



Outdoor learning

- developing social skills
- building confidence
- teamwork
- risk taking
- exploring (particularly nature)

Other things you could do/ places to visit:

- look for signs of Summer
- use your learning in life skills e.g. cooking and gardening using maths skills
- visit cultural places including museums, zoos parks, places of worship, theatres etc.
- practise writing about experiences

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