

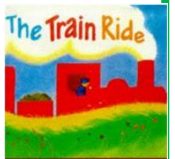


14th September 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to Ladybirds Class! It has been lovely getting to know the children and seeing them come into school with smiley faces. They have settled into our class wonderfully and are quickly adapting to our routines and becoming familiar with our class environment.

Curriculum- This term, our topic is 'journeys' and we will be look at the story of 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin. We will be exploring different journeys such as our families and starting school, people who help us and what we wish to be when we grow up. Our key concepts this term are belief, resilience, fear and freedom.



In Maths, we will be focusing on matching, sorting, and comparing different amounts, exploring patterns and 2D shapes.

In Phonics, we are going to be developing children's speaking and listening skills. This will allow the children to be attuned to the sounds around them and develop their oral blending and segmenting skills, before going on to learn the first section of Phase 2 sounds.

A 'knowledge organiser' which will contain more curriculum content will be sent to you in the next few weeks.

Tapestry- In Ladybirds Class, we use Tapestry for your child's online learning journey. You can access this at home through a 'relative' account. An email to activate your account has been sent to you. Please check your inboxes to activate your accounts. If you have any problems, please come and speak to me. Please do not use this to contact staff. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to myself or the office. If you do any exciting activities with your child out of school, we would love to see them! Please share them with us on Tapestry.

Reading- Once the children's phonic knowledge has been assessed, we'll begin to send home reading books. All books sent home will be very closely matched your child's phonic learning within school and will be fully decodable. This means that your child won't encounter sounds within words that they haven't been taught yet. When reading at home with your child, the focus will be on their fluency, expression and understanding of the text. We will share more details regarding this before reading books are sent home with the children.

Library Books- The children will choose two free choice library books to take home to share with their families. These can be read to the children and enjoyed with others. The children can bring these back to exchange them for new library books as soon as they have finished them.



PE- Reception children will not be doing PE lessons this half term however, they will have plenty of opportunities to play outdoor games and using playground equipment.

What to bring to school

Water Bottles- Please send your child into school with a named water bottle every day. Please note these should only contain **water**.

Appropriate clothing - if it is hot, please make sure your child has a **sun hat** and **sun cream** is applied before they come to school. Likewise, please make sure your child has a **coat** in school every day as the weather can be unpredictable. Your child also needs to have a pair of **wellie boots** so that they can access learning on the school field, it may be easier for these to stay in school. Please make sure that all items of clothing are **named**.

Book Bags

We ask the children to keep this in their tray in the classroom so reading books, library books and reading diaries can be quickly accessed to read when required or to change their books.

Good Choice Chart- To reinforce positive behaviour and a good attitude towards learning, your child will be rewarded with praise and stickers on a regular basis. Our school behaviour chart consists of different colours to promote right choices. If your child is on 'green' they will be given a sticker, if they are on 'blue' they will be given a 'Right Choice Ticket' which are placed in a box and on a Friday a ticket is drawn and the child that it belongs to can choose from a selection of prizes. If your child has made several good choices throughout the day, they may be placed on 'gold'. This means that they will be sent to see a member of the leadership team to receive a sticker and to be congratulated.



I am really looking forward to working with your child this year! If you have any questions or concerns, please come, and speak to me.

Many Thanks,

Mrs. MacLennan



