



8th 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. Year 1 children have been fantastic at helping support the younger children. Over the next few weeks we will be completing our Reception Baseline Assessments. A leaflet about this will be emailed over to you.

Curriculum- This term, our project is 'belonging' and we will be learning about different stories in English including Owl Babies, Funny Bones and Croc and Bird. We are looking forward to exploring these stories. Year 1s will be focusing on using their phonics to write simple sentences.



In Maths this term, Reception will be focusing on matching and sorting, comparing amounts and comparing size, mass and capacity. Year 1s will be focusing on place value, and addition and subtraction within numbers to 20.

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. We will be holding a phonics parent workshop later in the term, please keep your eye out for a letter about this.



Year 1 children will be recapping all of their sounds they learnt in Reception before moving onto their phase 5 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 which lots of you have already created. If you have any problems accessing Tapestry, please come and speak to me. Please do not use this to contact staff. If you do any exciting activities with your child out of school, we would love to see them! We have loved looking through photos of what the children have been doing in their summer holidays.

Reading- In the next few weeks 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. More about this will be explained in our phonics parent workshop.

Library Books- Year R children will bring home one library book home a week and Year 1 children will bring in two books a week. 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. We change library books on a Friday.

PE- Reception children will not be doing PE lessons this term however, they will have plenty of opportunities to play outdoor games and using playground equipment. Year 1s PE days are **Wednesdays and Fridays**.

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 these in a box in the classroom so reading books, library books and reading diaries can be quickly accessed to read when required or to change their books.

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

