



Together, we make a difference
Newsletter: Ladybird Class



Class: Ladybird

Team: Catherine, Hannah, Amel and Mel

Date: Spring 2024

We ask for £10 contribution each term for healthy snacks and ingredients which are integral to our important communication and PSED work. All donations to class fund are greatly appreciated. (Please send this in an envelope, clearly labelled with your child's name).



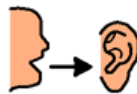
Thank you

Communication & Language

The children will access streamed communication sessions every Monday morning. These sessions include activities, such as listening games, re-telling stories, colourful semantics and lego therapy.

Through our continuous provision activities the children will be encouraged to respond using symbols, PODD mats and our communication iPad. This will include opportunities for commenting, requesting, describing and structuring simple sentences.

We continue to provide a total communication approach and therefore communication is threaded through every session delivered in class.



Literacy

Our focus in Literacy this term is 'Fairy tales'.

We will be exploring a range of different texts, including Goldilocks, Billy Goats Gruff, Jack and the Beanstalk and the Gingerbread Man. We will be re-telling the story using different props and exploring different resources linked to the stories.

Children will be accessing the library on a weekly basis and will change their reading books every Tuesday. We encourage you to read with your child as much as possible and write any comments in their reading record book.

The children will continue to access daily phonics sessions to support their literacy development.



Physical Development

Our PE focus this term is 'Games and Dance'. The children will be encouraged to take turns, follow simple routines and explore different equipment.

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit every Tuesday, including appropriate footwear as an integral part of physical education are the skills of dressing and undressing.

Splash will continue to be on a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has their kit with them every week, including a swim nappy, towel and costume/trunks.

We will be focusing on mark making skills this term, including letter formation, over writing and making gross motor movements to music.

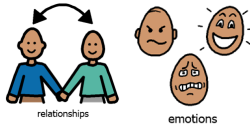


PSED

Our PSED focus this term is 'Relationships'. We will be doing some peer massage sessions, as well as thinking about what makes a good friend. We will do some practical activities linked to this, including making a friendship soup and a kindness tree.

We will continue to use the Zones of Regulation to support children in Ladybird Class to both regulate their own emotions and recognise and understand emotions of others.

Our DT focus this term is cooking and nutrition and the children will be supported to explore ingredients, prepare simple meals and eat them!

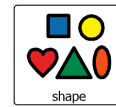
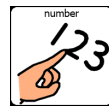


Mathematics

Our Maths focus this term will be addition and subtraction. We will explore this in a practical way using mathematical resources to support our understanding. We will also be focusing on length and weight. We will be linking this to some of our fairytale stories eg Jack and the Beanstalk-growing a beanstalk and Goldilocks-big and small.

Our other focus will be pattern. We will be making patterns using different resources, including bricks and pegs and copying repeated patterns modelled by an adult.

We will continue to develop an understanding of mathematical concepts and language using visual, verbal and physical support.



Science

Our science focus this term is 'Plants'. We will be exploring soil, water, seeds, flowers and bulbs and planting these to watch as they change over time. We will be exploring flowers and the parts of a flower through sensory exploration.

If you have any seeds, bulbs or gardening equipment at home that you are able to donate this would be much appreciated.

We will also be visiting RHS Bridgewater to attend an 'exploring plants' workshop.



Art and Music

Our Art focus this term is 3D Art. We are really lucky to have Rachel our resident artist in class every Thursday to support our creative development in class. The children will be creating lots of 3D art using junk modelling resources, paper mache and much more.

Our music focus this term is sound and silence. We will be focusing on long and short sounds, exploring the sounds of different instruments and following simple sound patterns. During our outdoor learning sessions we will also be focusing on sound and listening to sounds in the environment as well as making sounds in the outdoors.



Equipment needed

We will be accessing our outdoor areas every day so it is important to have appropriate clothing and footwear and please ensure you send labelled spare clothes in your child's bag.

Don't forget swimming kits and PE kits, we need these in school every week.

If you have any questions or need any help please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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Key Dates:

5th-11th February-Children's mental health awareness week.

11th February-Break up for half term

19th February-Inset Day

21st February- Parents evening

23rd and 26th February-Class photographs

Week beginning 4th March-Literacy Week

7th March-World Book Day

7th March-Trip to Jack and the Beanstalk music performance

Week Beginning 25th March-Spring activities

