



Together, we make a difference

Newsletter: Ladybird Class



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Team: Laura, Gema, Louise, Gabby, Jess, Molly, Kin and Megan

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We ask for £10 contribution each term for healthy snacks and ingredients for our weekly DT food sessions which are focusing on hot and cold foods.



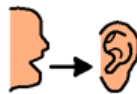
All donations to class fund are greatly appreciated. (Please send this in an envelope, clearly labelled with your child's name).

Thank you

Communication & Language

The children will continue to access streamed communication sessions on Tuesday mornings. These sessions include activities, such as listening games, re-telling stories, colourful semantics and lego therapy. On Monday afternoons, the class will focus on communication—Half in school and half out in the community out on the bus. The groups will be rotated on alternate weeks.

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.



Literacy

The children will continue to access daily phonics sessions to support their literacy development. Our main English focus this term is poetry. We will be sharing a variety of poems and looking at words which rhyme.

In our writing and fine motor sessions we will be continuing to work on developing our pencil control with a focus on writing our names. We are working hard on teaching the children the correct letter formation using their name cards and holding the pens and pencils using the correct grip.



Physical Development

Our PE focus is dance.

This will be taught through the theme of 'The Seasons'. We will be exploring ways of moving our bodies safely and creatively. We will be responding to music and words with expressive movement whilst developing coordination, balance and spatial awareness.

Splash will continue to take place on a Tuesday afternoon for some pupils and you will have been informed if your child is participating this half term. Please ensure your child has their kit with them every week, including a swim nappy if needed, towel and costume/trunks.

Each Friday morning, the children will go for a walk in the local community in small groups.

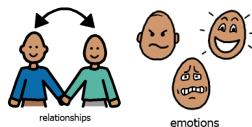


PSED and RE

Our PSHE focus is about taking care of ourselves. We will be thinking about what we need to stay healthy, brushing teeth, healthy eating and keeping fit. We will have lots of fun activities to help us learn about these concepts such as bathing the dolls and brushing the crocodiles teeth!

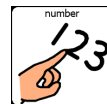
We will continue to focus on the Zones of Regulation which help to support children with regulating their own emotions and recognising and understanding the emotions of others. Each morning the children are encouraged to place their photo on to the colour related to how they are feeling and some will now give a reason for this feeling!

The RE theme is New beginnings and will focus on Spring and a new baby.



Mathematics

We will continue to personalise our maths lessons to enable children to focus on their own personal targets with a focus as well on the maths areas below.



Number and place value

We will listening to and joining in with different number rhymes and songs and looking at how the numbers change—1 more or 1 less. We will also be using numbers and dice to play games.

Shape, Space and Measure

We will looking at different aspects of weight. We will begin by looking at big and small items and then moving onto heavy and light items. We will investigate using scales to weigh various items—what do they scales tell us?

Science, History and Geography

Our science focus for the next few weeks is all about the seasonal changes. We will be looking at the weather each day and recording this. We will also be thinking about what clothes we need for the different seasons.

Our geography focus ties with our work in science and as it's all about the weather. We will be going out for a walk in the local area each Friday morning. We will talk about the weather and what we will need to wear. We will also be learning more about our local area on these visits.

In history we be learning about Mary Seacole who was a nurse in the Crimean war. We will be finding out about her and what she did and we will also be role playing by looking after each other and using the bandages!



Art and Music

Our focus this term in music is based around the song 'I am the music man'. We will be exploring different instruments and listening to the sounds they make. The children will experiment with different volumes when playing the instruments.



In art we will be exploring and experimenting with paint, tools, colours, textures and materials. We will be creating artwork using a variety of media (paint, collage, natural materials, printing, etc.).

Equipment needed

We will be accessing our outdoor areas every day so it is important to have appropriate clothing and footwear e.g. waterproof coat and wellies. On cold days, please can the children also bring hats and gloves as we will encourage them to wear them in school.

Please send in nappies, wipes and labelled spare clothes

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:

w/b 19th January—Maths Week

Friday 6th February—Parent Council

w/b 9th February—Children's mental health awareness week

Half Term

25th February—Parents evening

13th and 16th March—Class photographs

W/b 2nd March—Literacy Week

Thursday 5th March—World book Day

Friday 20th March—Parent Council

w/b 6th April—Easter activities



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