

EYFS Curriculum Newsletter- Autumn 2021



Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a lovely summer and are enjoying spending time exploring your new classes. We have been looking forward to seeing you all and can't wait for the year ahead!

Our Early Years Curriculum

We are following the new 2021 Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage and are 'child led' in our learning. The children's interests are at the heart of our curriculum and we draw learning opportunities out of their play

In order to provide a foundation for the children's learning, we also introduce new topics/ themes on a half termly basis. This year the whole school are trialling a new scheme of learning called 'Curriculum Maestro' which provides fun and stimulating activities and lessons, which ensures a thorough coverage of the learning objectives throughout EYFS.

This half term our topic will be '**Me and my Community**' whereby we will be finding out lots about you and your family and friends, as well as learning about people who help us in our community. We will also be looking at 'Autumn' and doing lots of outdoor exploring and arts and crafts based on this season.

Our next half term topic will be '**Once Upon a Time**' looking at a range of Traditional Tales and Fairy tales and we will have the exciting build-up of Christmas activities looking at 'Sparkle and Shine'.

Throughout the day, children take part in short focus sessions to learn new skills and concepts:

Phonics (Letters and Sounds)

- Butterflies children will practise listening skills through games, stories and rhymes.
- Ladybird children will work on recognising, reading and writing letter sounds (details to follow regarding a Phonics workshop, which will help you support your child at home)

Mathematics

- Butterflies children will be singing number songs, counting and matching objects.
- Ladybird children will be focusing on having a secure understanding of numbers to 5, including finding one more and one less and subitising.

All children also enjoy 'free-flow' time within their classrooms and in the outdoor area. Children follow their interests and staff respond by extending their skills through these interests.

All classes will also have daily singing and story time sessions.

Our staff

Ladybirds Reception Class	Butterflies Nursery Class	Bumblebees Two Year Old Provision
Mrs Pearson EYFS Leader and Class Teacher	Mrs Stather AM Nursery Teacher	Mrs Milnes Room Leader/ ATA
Mrs Robson Advanced Teaching Assistant	Mrs Atkinson PM Nursery Teacher	Miss Bradley General Teaching Assistant (GTA)
Mrs Flett Advanced Teaching Assistant (am)	Mrs Jackson General Teaching Assistant	Miss Jenkinson GTA
		Miss Smith GTA (Mon, Tues, Fri)
		Miss Warkup GTA (Wed, Thurs)

Hunmanby Primary School

School start time

Ladybirds (Reception Class)- 8.45am- 3.10pm

Butterflies (Nursery class)- Whole Day session 8.45am- 3.10pm

Morning session 8.45am-11.45am

Afternoon session 12.15pm-3.10pm

Bumblebees (Two Year Old Provision)- 8.55am-11.55am

Tapestry Online Learning Journals

We use Tapestry to record observations of children's learning and assess progress and plan Next steps in Learning. Please can new parents/ carers fill in a form as soon as possible- ask a member of staff for more details. Don't forget you can comment on observations and even add your own.

If you haven't already, could you please update the 'All about Me' section on Tapestry to help us get to know the children in each class.

Outdoor play

Learning outdoors is an essential part of the curriculum. Children must bring a coat to school every day as we play and learn outside in all weathers! Children may also bring in their own named wellies in a bag for when it is raining.

Reading/ Sharing Books

All children in Ladybirds and Butterflies will come home with a fiction or non-fiction sharing book for you to enjoy with your child. These can be changed up to 3 times a week.

PE

All children in EYFS will have PE with our experienced PE teacher Mr Ellis on a **Friday morning** (only if your child is in on this session in Butterflies and Bumblebees) All children will need to come to school in suitable PE clothes (hoodie, joggers and trainers) on this day and will stay in these clothes until they are collected. For Ladybirds children, PE will also take place on a **Tuesday afternoon**. Reception children will need their **full** PE kit in school every day so they are prepared for all weathers (this should include a white PE top, shorts/leggings, a hoodie/fleece, joggers and trainers/ pumps).

All PE kits will be sent home at half term for you to wash.

Labelling uniform and PE kit

We would really appreciate if you could label your child's uniform and in Ladybirds, their PE kit.

This will prevent losing jumpers and cardigans and save us time at the end of the day.

Website

Don't forget you can read about and see photos of what we have been doing on our class web pages at

www.hunmanbyprimary.co.uk

We also have our own Twitter page @HunmanbyEYFS Please follow us so you can see what we've been doing.

Feel free to ask your child's teacher/ key worker if you have any queries or concerns.

Mrs Pearson and the EYFS Team