

EYFS Curriculum Newsletter- Spring 2022



Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and had the opportunity to recharge your batteries ready for the new term ahead.

Our Early Years Curriculum

We are continuing to follow the new 2021 Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage and using 'Curriculum Maestro' for our themed lessons. We continue to also be 'child led' in our learning and plan activities and lessons based on children's interests.

This half term our first topic will be '**Winter Wonderland**' whereby we will be learning about the changes that happen during winter, including the types of weather associated with winter. We will also explore places that have snow all year round and the types of animals that live there.

We will then look at the topic '**Starry Night**' whereby we will be exploring the differences in the world at night compared to during the day. We will focus on the importance of a good night's sleep, and will discover what is happening in the world while we are sleeping, including finding out about nocturnal animals.

Our next half term topic will be '**Dangerous Dinosaurs**' an exciting project whereby we will be learning about the different animals that roamed Earth millions of years ago and how they are related to animals that live on Earth today.

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

Phonics (Letters and Sounds)

- Butterflies children will practise listening skills through games, stories and rhymes and be thinking about sounds within words, focusing on initial sounds.
- Ladybird children will be moving on to learning Phase 3 phonics. This focuses on reading and writing digraphs within words (e.g. 'ai' in main and 'ee' in feet)

Mathematics

- Butterflies children will be learning about patterns and counting and matching objects.
- Ladybird children will be focusing on composition of numbers to 8. This includes sorting, number bonds and grouping. We will also be looking at height, mass and capacity.
- All children also enjoy 'free-flow' time within their classrooms and in the outdoor area which includes various areas of provision for children to learn in. Children follow their interests and staff respond by extending their skills through these interests.

Our staff

Ladybirds Reception Class	Butterflies Nursery Class	Bumblebees Two Year Old Provision
Mrs Pearson EYFS Leader and Class Teacher	Mrs Stather Nursery Teacher am	Mrs Milnes Room Leader/ ATA
Mrs Robson Advanced Teaching Assistant	Mrs Atkinson Nursery Teacher pm	Miss Bradley General Teaching Assistant
Mrs Flett Advanced Teaching Assistant (am)	Mrs Jackson General Teaching Assistant am/pm	Miss Jenkinson General Teaching Assistant
	Mrs German General teaching Assistant Mon pm	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 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.

Please try to login to Tapestry as much as possible as we add new content on a regular basis. It is also really helpful if you like or comment on your child's observations so that we know that you have received them. Remember that all important information will be in the 'Memo' section, it is always a good idea to turn your notifications on so that you don't miss anything! Thank you.

### Outdoor play

Learning outdoors is an essential part of the curriculum. Children must bring a suitable 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.

In Ladybirds these are changed on a **Monday** and **Thursday** (if you have been able to share the book with your child). Children in Ladybirds will also now come home with a phonics reading book for children to read to you by sounding out and blending the words themselves. If they read the same book three times in a week, they will get one of my very popular reading stickers! These books will be changed every **Monday**,

### PE

Children in Bumblebees and Butterflies will have a PE session on a Friday morning in our school hall.

Butterflies may come to school in joggers and trainers for the day.

For Ladybirds children, PE will 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](http://www.hunmanbyprimary.co.uk)

Our fantastic Christmas Nativity is also on the school website incase you didn't get the chance to see it before Christmas!

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