



Ladybirds (Reception class) Curriculum Newsletter- Autumn 2023

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a lovely summer and are enjoying spending time exploring your new class. 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. We are currently following a 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. Our mini topic will be 'Build it up' whereby the children will work together to create collaborative structures.

After half term our topic will be '**Marvellous Machines**' which will teach children about the technology that is part of their daily lives and how machines help us. Our mini topic will be 'Puppets' looking at exciting stories that will encourage children to retell and create their own stories. Of course we will also be getting ready for Christmas with lots of fun crafty activities!

Children will also take part in short daily sessions to learn new skills and concepts:

Little Wandle Phonics (Letters and Sounds)

This term the children will work on recognising, reading and writing letter sounds (details to follow soon regarding a Little Wandle Phonics workshop, which will help you support your child at home)

White Rose Mathematics

This term we will be focusing on having a secure understanding of numbers to 5, including finding one more and one less and subitising. We will also be learning about shape, measure and patterns.

In addition to this, all children also enjoy 'free-flow' time between the Nursery and Reception 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.

Ladybirds staff:

Mrs Pearson EYFS Leader and Class Teacher (4 days a week)
Mrs Robson Advanced Teaching Assistant (full time)
Mrs Stuart Class teacher every Wednesday
Mrs Milnes HLTA cover on a Thursday afternoon

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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 your children.

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 to stay at school in our undercover wellie rack!

Reading/ Sharing Books

All children will come home with a fiction or non-fiction sharing book for you to enjoy with your child. These can be changed twice a week if they have been read.

PE

PE for Ladybirds children will usually be on a **Tuesday afternoon**. However, children will need their **full PE kit** in school every day as we sometimes need to change our PE session to a different day .

PE kits should include a white PE top, shorts/leggings, jumper/fleece, joggers and trainers (without laces)/ pumps this is so that your child is prepared for all weathers!

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 all items in their PE kit. This will prevent losing items of clothing and save us time at the end of the day.

Stay and Play

We intend to have a half termly 'Stay and Play' whereby you are invited into school to play with your children. We will try to hold this sessions on a different day each half term. Unfortunately we are unable to cater for younger children.

Autumn Term Stay and Play dates:

'Autumn and Harvest Stay and Play'- Tuesday 10th October at 2pm until 3.10pm

Christmas Stay and Play- Thursday 7th December at 2pm until 3.15pm

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 speak to any members of staff at the beginning or end of the day- we are here to help!

Many thanks,
Mrs Pearson