



Ladybirds Reception Class Curriculum Newsletter- Spring 2024



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 are using 'Curriculum Maestro' for our themed lessons. We continue to be 'child led' in our learning and plan activities and lessons based on children's interests.

This half term our first topic will be '**Long Ago**'. This project teaches children about how they have grown and changed since they were babies and how life in the past was different from today.

Our mini-topic this half term will be '**Stories and Rhymes**'. This teaches children about traditional stories and rhymes and gives them the opportunity to play with words and learn new vocabulary.

Next half term we will be looking at the topic '**Animal Safari**'. This project teaches children about the animals that live around the world, how to look after animals and the importance of caring for our local and global environments. Our mini topic next half term will be '**Signs of Spring**'. This teaches children about the changes that happen during the spring, including weather and the festivals that are celebrated at this time of year including Easter.

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

Little Wandle Phonics

We 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)

White Rose Maths

This term we will be focusing on consolidating numbers to 10, carrying out practical addition and learning number bonds to 10. We will also be learning about different forms of measure (length, height, mass and capacity) and looking at a range of 3D shapes

Our staff in Reception and Nursery class

(Your child is able to free flow between these classes for approximately 2.5 hours each day)

Ladybirds Reception Class	Butterflies Nursery Class
Mrs Pearson EYFS Leader and Class Teacher	Mrs Stather 0.5 Nursery Teacher (Mon, Tues, Wed am)
Mrs Robson Advanced Teaching Assistant	Mrs Gledhill 0.5 Nursery Teacher (Wed pm, Thurs, Fri)
Mrs Stuart Class teacher on a Wednesday	Mrs Oxley General Teaching Assistant every morning
Mrs Milnes HLTA Thursday and Friday pm	Miss Simpson General teaching Assistant Mon pm, Tues pm
	Miss Warkup General teaching Assistant Wed pm, Thurs pm and Fri pm

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Additional information

Tapestry Online Learning Journals

We use Tapestry to record observations of children's learning, to assess progress and plan next steps in learning. We also add regular important updates in the 'Memo' section.

Please try to login to Tapestry as much as possible or you may miss some important information.

It is also really helpful if you like or comment on your child's observations so that we know that you have received them.

If you are having trouble logging in please inform a member of staff.

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 to stay on the welly rack.

Stay and Play

Thank you to everyone who attended our Autumn Stay and Plays, we had a fantastic turn out and we hope you enjoyed yourselves!

Stay and Play Communication Workshop

We are thrilled to invite you to our Stay and Play and communication workshop on **Tuesday 23rd January 10.30-11.30am**. You will have the opportunity to play with your child in their classroom, carrying out a range of fun activities and then will attend a short workshop focusing on providing the best possible start for your child regarding language and communication. A local Speech and language therapist will be leading alongside myself.

Reading/ Sharing Books

All children 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** (only if your child tells us that they have had the book read to them).

Your child will also come home with a Little Wandle 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 and you record it in their reading records, they will get one of my very popular reading stickers! These books will be changed at the end of the week.

PE

This half term PE will take place on a **Friday 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 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

Feel free to speak to us if you have any queries or concerns.

Mrs Pearson and the EYFS Team