



Ladybirds Reception Class Curriculum Newsletter- Summer 2024



Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a lovely Easter and your child is ready for their final term in Reception.

Can I just say a big thank you for all your generous donations towards 'Elsie's Reading House'. We have already got a plan together and will keep you updated on the progress. It really is going to be such a special place to remember the wonderful Elsie.

Summer Term topics

This half term our first topic will be '**Ready, Steady Grow**'. This project teaches children about food and farming and explores themes, including where food comes from, what plants and animals need to grow and survive and what constitutes a healthy lifestyle. We will be planting our own seed and watching it grow (hopefully!) over the next few weeks and hopefully will have a visit from a farmer!

Our mini-topic this half term will be '**Creep, Crawl and Wriggle**'. This teaches children about invertebrates that live in their gardens and local environment. We will be spending lots of time exploring our bug hotel in our Outdoor area!

Next half term we will be looking at the topic '**On the beach**'. This project teaches children about the plants and animals that live at the seaside. It also explores holidays in the past and the importance of keeping safe in the Sun. We are planning to go on a school trip to Filey beach in July- more details to follow.

Our mini-topic next half term will be '**Moving On**'. This project celebrates the children's successes throughout their Reception year. It explores how they have grown and changed and supports them with the changes to come as they move into Year 1.

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 4 phonics. This focuses on reading and writing words with four or more sounds within them (e.g. sand, frog, windmill etc.)

White Rose Maths

This term we will be focusing on numbers to 20 and beyond. We will also be learning about addition and subtraction as well as doubling, sharing and odd and even numbers.

Additional information

Tapestry Online Learning Journals

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

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.

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.

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Outdoor play

Learning outdoors is an essential part of the curriculum. Even though it is now the summer term, children must bring a suitable coat to school every day as the weather isn't always predictable. Please ensure children also have a named sun hat and a named bottle of sun cream.

Stay and Play

Thank you to everyone who attended our Spring Stay and Plays, we had another fantastic turn out and we hope you enjoyed yourselves! We will be having two final Stay and Play's this Summer Term, keep an eye on your Tapestry as these dates will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

Sharing stories and Little Wandle reading books

All children will come home with a fiction or non-fiction **sharing book** for you to enjoy with your child. These are changed twice a week (only if your child tells us that you have read the book to them). You **do not** need to record that you have read this in your child's reading record.

Your child will also have a **Little Wandle phonics reading book** for children to read to you by sounding out and blending the words themselves. Please try to listen to your child read this book **three times in a week** and if you record it in their reading records, they will get one of my very popular reading stickers! These Little Wandle books are changed **every** Friday.

PE

This half term PE will take place on a **Monday 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 (especially their jumpers!) 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

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

Mrs Pearson and the EYFS Team