



Ladybirds (Reception class) Curriculum Newsletter- Autumn 2024

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

Our Early Years Curriculum

We 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.

We will spend the first couple of weeks really getting to know your child, finding out about their interests as well as their families and friends. Your child will carry out a short **Statutory Reception Baseline** in the second week of starting school 1-1 with myself, this provides information about their starting point in Communication and Language, Literacy and Maths.

Following this, our topic will be '**Once Upon a Time**' which will really promote our love of reading! We will be focusing on two different traditional tales a week and looking at retelling and ordering these stories. For the last couple of weeks, our mini topic will be '**Sparkle and Shine**' whereby we will be learning all about different celebrations that take place around Autumn and Winter time.

After half term our topic will be '**Starry night**' whereby we will be exploring the differences in the world at night compared to during the day. We will learn about the importance of a good night's sleep, and learn about what is happening in the world while we are sleeping, including finding out about nocturnal animals. Our mini topic will be '**Winter Wonderland**' which teaches children about the changes that happen during winter. We will also be exploring places that have snow all year round and the types of animals that live there. 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)

The 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 and deeper 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. We also have a daily story and singing session at the end of day.

Reception (Ladybirds) staff:

Mrs Pearson EYFS Leader and Class Teacher (4 days a week)	Mrs Stuart Class teacher- Wednesday
Mrs Robson Advanced Teaching Assistant (full time)	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, to assess progress and plan Next steps in Learning. Please can new parents/ carers fill in a form as soon as possible.

Tapestry really is a fantastic way of finding out what your child has been learning at school so please try to log in on a daily basis. We also add regular memos of important events that you may miss if you have not logged on. It's so helpful of you could 'like' or 'comment' on your child's observations so that we know you have seen it!

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.

Little Wandle Reading Books

In line with the Little Wandle phonics programme, your child will get their first wordless reading book in the first few weeks. These books encourage your child to use their language and vocabulary to tell you the story by looking at the pictures. Try to attend out phonics meeting in September to find out more.

PE

PE for Ladybirds children will now be on a **Thursday 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, a hoodie/fleece, joggers and trainers/ pumps this is so that your child is prepared for all weathers!

All PE kits will be sent home at half term to be washed.

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 will continue to have our half termly 'Stay and Play' whereby you are invited into school to play with your child. Please keep an eye out on Tapestry- I will send a date of our 'Autumn Stay and Play' to your memos within the next couple of weeks.

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.

Please feel free to speak to any members of staff at the beginning or end of the day if you have any questions- we are here to help!

Many thanks,
Mrs Pearson and the EYFS Team