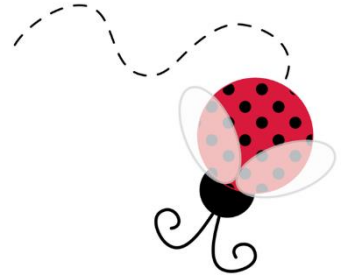


Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Ladybird Class! It has been really great to see all the children come into school with smiley faces and settle in so smoothly. They have already become familiar with our classroom, outdoor area and some of our day to day routines. This letter will provide an overview of some important information about Reception.



**Curriculum** This half-term our topic is 'Healthy Me'. We will initially be looking at the story 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers, which supports children's return to education. We will then go on to learn about our emotions and the effects they have on our body and lastly how our choices of food, exercise and lifestyle choices impact upon our health.

In Maths we will be looking at matching, sorting and comparing different amounts and then exploring patterns.

In Phonics we are going to be developing children's speaking and listening skills. This will allow the children to be attuned to the sounds around them and develop their oral blending and segmenting skills, before then going on to learn some Phase 2 sounds.

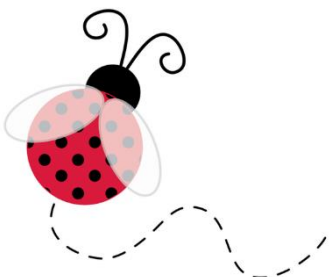
## What to bring to school

A water bottle - every child is encouraged to bring their own named water bottle to school so that they can help themselves to a drink when necessary. Please note that this must only contain water. The bottle should be plastic and should have a drinking top.

Appropriate clothing - if it is hot please make sure your child has a sun hat and that sun cream is applied before they come to school. Likewise, please make sure your child has a coat in school every day as the weather can be unpredictable. Please make sure that all items of clothing are named.

Reading record and book - your child should now have taken their reading record book and a picturebook home. Please try and share the story every night for 5-10 minutes and write comments in their record book detailing the page you have read to, any comments your child made and how they read. We will also regularly hear your child read in school. Your child will begin with books which have no writing. This is to encourage them to look closely at the illustrations and talk about what is happening. This is an important step to help build confidence with reading. Once we start teaching the children Phonics, they will have a book which matches the current sounds being covered.

Lunch box - if your child is staying for lunch and wishes to have a packed lunch from home, please make sure it is in a hard plastic lunch box that can be wiped. Your child is welcome to bring a non-fizzy drink in for lunchtime too. We ask that lunch boxes contain healthy foods - sweets and chocolate should not be included.



## Other

To reinforce positive behaviour and a good attitude towards learning, your child will be rewarded with praise and stickers on a regular basis. Our school behaviour chart consists of various colours to promote right choices. If your child is on 'blue', they will be given a 'Right Choice Card' which is placed in a box. On Friday, a card is drawn from the box and the child that it belongs to can choose from a selection of gifts. If your child has made several good choices throughout the day, they may be placed on 'gold' on our right choice chart. This means that they will be sent to see Mrs Payne or Miss Rich to receive a sticker and to be congratulated.

**PE** lessons will not be happening this half term, but your child will have plenty of opportunities for playing outdoor games and using the large playground equipment.

Lastly, thank you to those that have already informed us of your child's attendance pattern. If you are still yet to decide, then can I please ask that you make your decision by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September and let a member of the Reception team know.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year. Do arrange to speak to me, via the school office, if you have any questions or concerns, no matter how small they may seem.

Many thanks,  
Miss Nicolson

