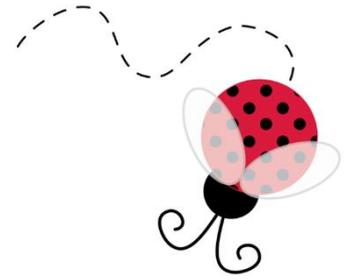


Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Ladybird Class! It has been great to see all the children come into school with smiley faces and settle in so smoothly. They have already started to 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 term our topic is 'Belonging'. We will initially be looking at the story 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. Our concepts are community, democracy, identity, and friendship which we will explore through looking at our school, the human body, and families.

In Maths we will be looking at matching, sorting, and comparing different amounts, exploring patterns and 2D shapes.

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 going on to learn the first section of Phase 2 sounds.

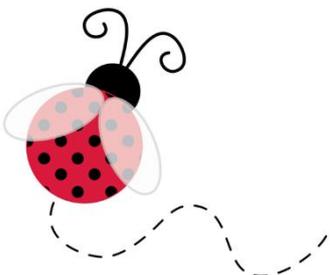
A knowledge organiser will be sent out next week which will outline our curriculum coverage in more depth and list key vocabulary that the children will be learning.

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.

Appropriate clothing - if it is hot, please make sure your child has a **sun hat** and **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. Your child also needs to have a pair of **wellie boots** so that they can access learning on the school field, it may be easier for these to stay in school. 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 as often as possible for 5-10 minutes and write comments in their record book. 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 then they will have a book which matches the current sounds being covered. When you have spent a couple of days on a book, feel free to bring it back in so that a member of staff can change it for a new one.



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 different colours to promote right choices. If your child is on 'green' they will be given a sticker, if they are on 'blue' they will be given a 'Right Choice Ticket' which are placed in a box and on a Friday a ticket is drawn and the child that it belongs to can choose from a selection of prizes. If your child has made several good choices throughout the day, they may be placed on 'gold'. This means that they will be sent to see a member of the leadership team 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. You will be notified when your child needs a PE kit for school.

Tapestry - inside your child's reading record is your login details. I have attached a task sheet to complete at home to check that everyone can access it successfully.

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 17th 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 if you have any questions or concerns, no matter how small they may seem.

Many thanks,
Miss Nicolson

