

Week beginning 20th March 2023

Ladybird Class Weekly Update

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents evening over the past 2 weeks, it is always lovely to let you know how well your children are doing!

Next week, we are reading "Chickens aren't the only ones" -this is a non-fiction book, looking at different lifecycles of various animals. We will be looking at contents and index pages on non-fiction books. Our writing will be based on different lifecycles of animals.

The poem coming home this week to practise is 'A Basket of Apples.'

In maths, we will be continuing to add 2 numbers together, to make a total. We will continue to use the language associated with adding (add/ and/ plus/ altogether makes etc.)

Our sounds to be revisited are: ir, ou and oy and our red words: **do** and **some**.

A reminder: please do send water bottles and yellow reading folders into school DAILY. Also, if you are able to spare some time for our Church visit (28th), please do let us know – we cannot go unless we have 4 parent helpers.

Butterfly Class Weekly Update

Next Week:

In Phonics, we will be focusing on split digraphs (which we refer to as 'Chatty friends' in our Read Write Inc scheme of learning). The vowel sounds make an A E I O U sound, rather than an a e i o u sound when there is an 'e' at the end of the word. For example, in the word 'make', 'these', 'smile', 'home' and 'huge'.

In English, we will be learning to add the suffix 'er' to words and about how to use question marks. We will also continue to write sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

In Maths, we will be learning about mass and weight / capacity and volume. We will be investigating objects which are heavier and lighter, measuring mass, and comparing mass. We will then be investigating capacity – using the language full and empty.

In Science, we will be investigating different parts of a plant. We will draw and label the main parts of the plant and we will be discussing the function of the parts of the plant.

In Geography, we will identify the difference between villages, towns and cities, and learn what the terms 'urban' and 'rural' mean. We will then locate our local area on a map and think about what kind of settlement we live in. We will then use different sources to explore our local area, using appropriate vocabulary.

In Art We will be thinking about how to create different effects with watercolour.

In RE we will be looking at the Easter story and asking the question: "Is Easter a happy or sad time for Christians?"

Our whole class guided reading will be The Smegs and The Smoos

Dragonfly Class Weekly Update

Next Week:

In English we will be continuing to focus on our descriptive writing and on ensuring our writing is punctuated accurately.

In SPAG we will be learning how to use commas in a list.

In Maths, we will conclude our unit on fractions and move to looking at time. We will cover o'clock, half past, quarter to and past and time to five-minute intervals. We will solve problems involving this knowledge.

In Science we will be studying our beans and our bulbs. We will also be adding to our floor book.

In Geography we will be finding Mickleham and other local areas on Google maps and adding to our floor book

In RE, we will conclude our unit on Islam and then begin to think about Easter. Our unit will be 'What is Easter really about?' We will start by thinking about and discussing the symbols we see that represent Easter. **Don't forget, we will be trying hot cross buns. Please refer to the ParentMail that went out yesterday.**

In Art, we will be looking at the work of Van Gogh and Cezanne. We will be considering the way that artists use thick paint and loose brushwork to create expressive work. We will have a go at this ourselves!

Our whole class guided reading will be *Meesha Makes Friends* by Tom Percival.