

Week beginning 16th October 2023

Ladybird Class Weekly Update

Have we really completed a half term?

The children are very settled- thank you for working alongside us, to create such a great transition to school.

Phonics for next week are: th, z, ch, q, x. As always, please do reinforce them at home (using video and small phonics cards. Please do now start simple blending and segmenting simple CVC words (example: cat, dog, hen, tap etc).

'Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Turn Around' is the nursery rhyme coming home this week.

In maths we will be concentrating on numbers to 5 then 10. We will be looking at recognition of numbers, ordering numbers and counting the amounts of objects. We will be asking simple questions in order for the children to reason their learning (example: Mrs Moore says 1 more than 4 is 3, is she right?) we will use practical activities to support.

As always, please do have the reading books and yellow reading records in school, daily. We will be changing 1 of the 2 books on a Wednesday.

Harvest Festival is on Tuesday at 9.30 in the church.

Have a restful half term – remember the first Monday back is an INSET day.

Butterfly Class Weekly Update

Our final week before half term and also a week in which we sadly say goodbye to Tiger – we wish his family every success for the future and with their house move.

Next Week:

Church – Harvest festival service on Tuesday morning.

Phonics – set 3 sounds – ou and **ow**, ay,**ai** and a_e, ow, o_e and **oa**, oo, u_e and **ew**.

Common exception words of the week – so, by, my, here, there

English – Continuing with our poetry focus and performing our poem for Harvest Festival at church. Continuing sentence writing with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Maths - Continuing with addition, we will be adding more, learning to answer word problems and finding a part.

Science – Evaluate our moon craters investigation. What did we learn? How did we make it a fair test and would we want to do anything differently if we were to do it again?

History – We will be comparing and evaluating the achievements of Columbus and Armstrong. Which one had greater achievements do they think?

RE – Conclude our unit of work - What do Christians learn from the stories of Jesus?

Guided reading - Our key text - Toys in Space by Mini Grey.

Dragonfly Class Weekly Update

Next Week:

English, we will be planning, writing and editing the beginning of a Space story.

Maths, we will be learning number bonds to 100 (tens) and relating these to number bonds to 10. We will be adding and subtracting ones from/to a two-digit number (mostly mentally). We will also be adding by 'making ten' so that this strategy is secure for adding and subtracting with larger numbers. We will be using this knowledge to solve problems.

Science and History, we will have fun end of unit quizzes in teams!

RE, we will be concluding our unit for this half term by creating jigsaw sections showing what Christians say about God and then creating a whole class display.

Art, building upon last week's introduction on 'mark making', next week, the children will draw inspiration from Picasso and Matisse and create a portrait using various marks...from spirals to stippling, vertical lines, circles, zig zags and more!

Guided reading, the children will be choosing books they want to read and sharing what they like about them in groups. They will be able to take part in discussions about the books and make comparisons between books they have chosen.