

Week beginning 25th September 2023

Ladybird Class Weekly Update

Another week has flown by, and the children are becoming more settled. Thank you for your continued support helping them to settle so well.

From this week (each Friday) your child will bring home a rhyme, poem or song to practise. Today's song is 'Hickory Dickory Dock'.

From next week we will be starting the Baseline assessments. This is a national assessment, and it is devised to help all teachers know where your child is starting their educational journey from.

We are continuing to apply the Bee rules to our learning, and we also are using our traffic light system for positive praise.

Phonics for next week are: c,k,u a and b (video to follow). We will also start using the sounds we know to blend and segment. This is where we take simple words, segment the words/ sounds up and then blend them back together to read the word. The video on Friday will (hopefully!) help explain this a little better!

In maths we are continuing to sing simple number rhymes and count /order numbers to 5 then beyond.

We aim to change 1 of the 2 reading books on a WEDNESDAY, but please ensure all books and yellow reading folders are in the school bags daily.

Have a great week!

Butterfly Class Weekly Update

Phonics - This week we will be starting our set 3 RWI sounds. We will learn these sounds – ea, oi and the split digraphs a_e, i_e, o_e.

Common exception words of the week – was, is, his, has, I

English - continue to use our 'Get Writing' books, practising writing sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Maths - we will be comparing numbers, ordering objects and numbers and using a number line.

Science - we will be carrying out an experiment to see which materials are waterproof. Making predictions and ensuring that we are making it a 'fair test'.

History - continuing with our theme of 'Intrepid Explorers' we will be finding out who Neil Armstrong is and why he is remembered today.

RE - We will be considering what Christians learn from stories told by Jesus. Using the parable of 'The Good Samaritan' as a starting point and discussing how Christians might help people in their communities.

Art - Starting our unit of learning called 'Spirals'. Using parts of our bodies (fingertips, wrists, elbows, shoulders, whole bodies) to draw spirals inspired by the artist Molly Haslund and her work 'outdoor circles'.

PSHCE – reminding the children about our Bee Rules – particularly Bee Kind and Bee Respectful

Guided reading – Julia Donaldson's Sharing a Shell – a story about friendship.

Dragonfly Class Weekly Update

Next Week:

English we will be planning and writing fact pages about Katherine Johnson.

SPAG we will be looking at how we can improve simple sentence through changing the punctuation and adding adjectives.

Maths, we are finding tens and ones on a number line, estimating numbers and comparing numbers using the < > and = symbols. We will be using this knowledge to solve problems.

Science we will be carrying out an investigation called *Help the Vet*. The children will be testing if different materials are waterproof and deciding which would be best for the vet to use when bathing the animals.

History we will be learning about Neil Armstrong: why he is famous, what he did before becoming an astronaut and the famous words he said.

RE, we will be exploring how God might be like a shepherd to Christians and what difference this might make to Christians.

Art, we will continue our unit 'Explore and Draw' and this week focus on observational drawing.

Guided reading we will be reading *Toys in Space* by Mini Grey and making comparisons between this book, and her other book, *Traction Man*.