

Ladybird Class

Autumn Newsletter



A very warm welcome to All Souls' and to Term 1 in Ladybird Class.

Each term we base our learning around a particular topic or theme. This term our topic is called *"Why do leaves go crispy?"* Many of our activities in class, including those with a numeracy or literacy focus, will be based on the themes of Autumn and Woodlands. We will be exploring the seasonal changes that Autumn brings, enjoy stories with a woodland setting and we will find out about those animals who live in our woods. Time will also be devoted this term to activities that help us celebrate Harvest. In the Early Years we are led by the interests of the children when planning class activities but we will be sure to include; an Autumn walk, leaf rubbings, scarecrows, Harvest songs and hibernating hedgehogs!

As you can see we will certainly be busy!

In addition to our topic work, each day we will be practising handwriting skills, letter sounds (phonics) and key words to support our reading and writing skills and will take part in activities to develop our maths knowledge.

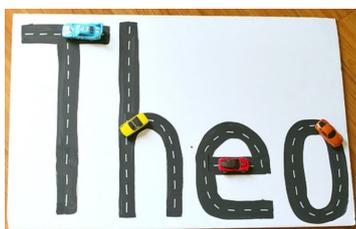


Website

Please take time each week to take a peek at our Class Page on the school website. We will keep the page up to date with news and pictures to share our class learning with you at home. There will also be suggestions for games to play and useful website links to support you and your child in continuing the learning outside of the classroom– our weekly Home Challenges are perfect opportunities to help reinforce new vocabulary and consolidate new concepts. You will also find our termly newsletters and topic grids on our class page too.

Settling-in time

The first few weeks of this term will all be focused on settling the children into the new daily routines and supporting them in developing new friendships. We encourage the children to be as independent as possible, for example organising their belongings in the morning by placing their coats in their lockers and placing their drink bottle by the sink. Please support your child to recognise their name if they cannot already do so to help them locate their lockers and belongings more easily. Some suggestions to help them achieve this might include...





Reading Log Book

From Monday 14th September your child will bring home a school reading book and a Reading Record book. Please keep the Log Book safe and bring it to school every day. It is a really important book and will be checked daily by the class teacher. Each time you hear your child read (aim for 5-10 mins a day) please make a record of the date, title of the book read and add a short comment to say how your child responded to the book. In the early days you may find you will need to read the book to your child but they can join in with talking about the pictures, spotting familiar letter sounds and predicting what might happen next. As they begin to recognise sounds and words for themselves they will be able to take over the reading and show their independence. Remember: Practise makes perfect! Please could you send in the reading book they were given as part of their Goody Bag before the summer holidays a.s.a.p. (they should have a pink label on them). We need to quarantine these books for a short while before we can add them to our reading box.



Buddy Bears

It has been so lovely having Buddy Bears come to play during our play mornings and we hope more will come and join in the learning over the next weeks. Please do ensure your child's buddy bear can be easily identifiable as their own either by writing the name of the bear or the name of your child on the bear's jumper/label. We do want to make sure any lost buddy bears can find their owners quickly—a name really does help!

It's not just bears that need naming. Clothing and water bottles also need to be named. We have already seen identical drinks bottles coming into school. To avoid mix-ups please do make sure your child can spot their name on their bottle and not rely on simply the picture/pattern.

Messages to the Teacher

If you need to get a message through you can do so via the Reading/Phonic log book (as these are checked daily) or you can send a message via a phone call to the school office.

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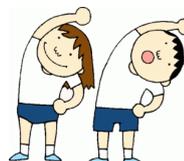
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Please do fill in and return the small form to let us know who will be picking up your child each day. This may be Grandma, Dad, Uncle etc..



P.E.

Our PE day is Monday. Children need to come to school wearing their PE kit on this day. (We won't be starting proper P.E. lessons until after half term so P.E. kits are not necessary this term but if you wish to wear them please do). For safety reasons ear-rings must either be removed or taped up—many children don't like having tape over their ears so you may wish to send your child in without ear-rings on Mondays.

We are all looking forward to a fun, exciting and rewarding year in Ladybird Class. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to let us know.

Mrs Chapman, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Limbu