



Welcome to Ladybird Class

Dear Parents and Carers

4th September 2023

We do hope you have all had a lovely, restful and fun Summer Break and sincerely look forward to teaching and 'growing' your children in Ladybird Class!

English: Our writing focus this half term is to write a 'rag to riches' story and a persuasive leaflet about pirates and a treasure island using the book: *On a Pirate Ship!*

Home readers will be sent home on Tuesday this week. *We change our books every Monday.*

Spelling: Each week we have a *spelling test every Friday morning*, spelling is ideally learnt by repetition so please revise the weekly words daily. This Friday we will assess our Common Exception Words so that we have a baseline assessment.

Maths: We will be focussing on sequencing of numbers - counting on and back and number bonds to 20 with links to 100. *Mental maths* will take place for 15 minutes - 4 afternoons a week.

Science: *Everyday Materials* - we will look at the use of every day materials and how changes to the environment cause them to change.

Our scientist for this term is: *Charles Macintosh.*

Geography: *An Island Home* - we learn about the countries of the UK, and use the fictional 'Katie Morag' and her Scottish island home which is based on the actual island the Isle of Coll.

Art: we will explore mark marking, using a range of materials, as part of our nature focus. At this time of year with all the autumn colours we would love some Autumn items from your garden or local area for our display table. Our Artist is: *Giuseppe Arcimboldo*

P.E. and Forest School: *are both on Thursday* so please make sure your child has both kits at school. Children with long hair do need to tie up their hair for P.E. lessons. For forest school a weather proof forest school kit and wellies are to be kept at school (there is a wellie rack just outside our classroom door).

Show and Tell is on Friday afternoon and includes items of interest linked to our topic work Science/Art/ Geography rather than 'toys' from home.

Week 1	Rowan, Aylsa, Teddy, Fayth
Week 2	George, Miley, Teagan, Erin
Week 3	Billy, Aidan, Harper, Samson
Week 4	Koen, Ella, Logan, Finlay
Week 5	Dylan, Maisie, Rose, Elliott
Week 6	Theo, Ayla Megan
Week 7	Raffi, Isabelle, Harriet

Teaching in Year 2: As deputy headteacher I am not in class on Wednesday, Thursday and Tuesday afternoon.

On Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday Miss Green teaches Year 2.

On Thursday we have planned a whole school day teaching each year group to cover our teachers' PPA cover and this includes:

Mrs Johnson	Mr Coggins	Mr Sage	Ms Green
Music	P.E.	French	Phonics and Forest school

Communication: We continue to use [Class Dojo](#). Please contact the office via phone or email about your child being collected at the end of the day/medication. If you have any queries or concerns use [Class dojo messages](#) and we can organise [a meeting or a phone call](#). Please don't come into the classroom during early morning activities let the office staff know and we will get back to you if needs be.

Mindfulness and Pupil voice: This year we continue to focus on regular opportunities to practice and develop mindfulness and pupil voice to ensure that our children become confident and positive and know that their opinion matters. We are looking forward to exploring this important area of learning with Ladybird Class.

Best Wishes

Felicity Gibb and Miss Green

Year 2 Team

