

15th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers of Ladybird Class

Welcome back to the first half of the Summer Term. I hope that you are all well rested and ready for a busy half term. I am really pleased to be back in the classroom. I will be out of class doing deputy head duty every Wednesday.

This half term we are learning and exploring the following:

ENGLISH:

Writing:

Non-Fiction: Coral Reef - persuasive writing of a poster

Fiction: Beegu written by Alex Deacon

Reading Comprehensions: we have been and will continue to work building reading stamina as well as answering both direct and inferred questions both in guided reading and whole class reading activities.

MATHS: we will continue finding fractions of both shape and whole numbers; division and applying 2, 5 and 10 timetables in reasoning and problem solving. We will also be learning about fractions: $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ of number and shape. Please continue to encourage your child to practice mental maths for 10 minutes a day, either using Numbots or TT Rockstars (the login is the same for both).

SCIENCE: We are investigating waves and how they are formed and their effect on the beach. As an introduction to our summer term topic HEALTH AND GROWTH, we will be watching tadpoles grow in a tank and we will be exploring and recording their lifecycle.

FOREST SCHOOL - Our Garden: We have our own patch in the vegetable garden and will be planting a variety of vegetables and some flowers. Activities will be an integral part of Science. **If anyone is able, please let me know if you could spare some time to prepare our vegetable patch for planting.**

GEOGRAPHY: Oceans and Seas - this will include a revision of the 5 oceans of the world but also the seas around the United Kingdom. We will link a variety of activities to both English and Maths.

ART: we will investigate mixing of colours and create sea collages and find out about the famous artist J.W.M. Turner and invite you to our Year 2 Art Exhibition!

PSHE - we will be exploring Relationships using our Jigsaw resource.

We are looking forward to this term and hope that the children enjoy the learning experiences which they encounter. Please keep up the **daily reading** so we can keep up the progress the children have made so far. Please continue to use Class Dojo as a form of communication about any concerns or queries.

Best Wishes
Felicity Gibb