

<u>Ladybird Class Newsletter Term 1 and Term 2</u>



Maths

- Matching and sorting
- Comparing amounts
- Comparing size, mass and capacity
- Making simple patterns
- Representing numbers to 5
- Comparing numbers to 5
- Composing numbers to 5
- Identifying 2D shapes
- Using positional language
- Identifying one more and one less

Literacy

- Introduce phase 2 sounds
- Tricky words
- Drawing & labelling
- Ordering letters of my name
- Writing my name
- Identifying initial sounds
- Writing initial sounds
- Writing CVC words
- Retelling the story of The Little Red Hen

Understanding the World

- How I've changed
- Families
- Communities and people who help us
- Our school on a map where is it?
- Autumn
- Bonfire night and Guy Fawkes
- Remembrance Day
- Begin to discuss the 'past' and what this means
- Diwali

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We will be answering the questions:

Term 1: Where do we belong?

Term 2: Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?

PE

Term 1: Introduction to PE – finding a space, avoiding others, using equipment safely, working with others.

Term 2: Fundamentals - running and stopping, changing direction and jumping and hopping.

Outdoor learning

- Changes in Autumn
- Autumn leaves
- Observing changes in our pond in Autumn
- Animal tracks and signs
- Hibernation

Expressive Arts and Design

- Making marks with felt tips, crayons and chalk
- Singing nursery rhymes
- Mixing colours
- Drawing a person
- Moulding clay
- Art from different cultures (Diwali)

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

- Class rules
- Sharing interests
- Sharing hobbies
- Recognising and managing feelings
- Working together
- School rules and values

Welcome to Frenchay Primary School and Ladybird Class! The children have had a fantastic first week at school and are slowly getting to know the rules and routines of school life. We have all had lots of fun getting to know each other and look forward to continuing this in the coming weeks! A few notices and reminders...

Mrs Pinner Our Ladybird class TA who you all met at your home visit, is currently off sick as she has had to have an operation and so is recovering at home. She will hopefully be back towards the end of next term. Miss Brown is currently covering for Mrs Pinner in the meantime.

Named clothing Please ensure ALL clothing is clearly named and check regularly that name labels or pen is still visible.

PE Children need to come into school in their PE kits on Tuesdays. Please wear appropriate kit depending on the weather and ensure it is all named.

Seesaw All Seesaw codes have now been sent home. If you are having trouble logging in, please let me know. How can you use Seesaw?

- 1. Check Seesaw regularly—you'll be notified about new journal entries and class announcements.
- 2. Celebrate your child's successes and encourage the skills that we are building at school together at home.
- 3. **Keep me updated** on how your child is doing and let me know how I can help.

Phonics and Reading As I emailed, we have started our Phonics and reading journey this week! Children will soon be coming home with handwriting practise sheets. Please encourage your child to have a go, ensuring they are forming the letter correctly as shown on the sheet. A phonics meeting will be held on **Monday 23rd September** at 3:45 for all Reception parents in Robin classroom.

Curriculum Meeting Will be held on Tuesday 1st October at 5pm.

Allergies We have a few children in school who have severe and life-threatening allergies. We are a **nut free school** so please refrain from bringing any products containing nuts into school.

Before and after school Please do not allow the children to play on the equipment or with the resources before or after school. The Ladybird outside area is set up for the children to use during their free-flow play during the school day.

Morning drop off The children are doing so well at saying their goodbyes to you and coming into school! If your child is able to do so, please start encouraging them to walk into the classroom door independently, as it avoids a queue forming at the door up which can slow down children entering the classroom, causing more anxiety for some children. If your child is feeling upset and struggling to come in, please do bring them to the door and Miss Brown or I will be there to encourage them in. Please try to avoid walking into the classroom in the mornings or after school when the children are in the classroom. This is for safeguarding reasons. If you have a quick message for Miss Padden before or after school please stand to the side and signal to Miss Padden you wish to speak to her. Can we ask that longer messages are emailed to Miss Padden or the office. Meeting and phone calls can be arranged.