

YEAR GROUP: EYFS, Ladybird

TEACHER: Mrs Parks

DATE: Spring term

LEARNING THEME:

Communication and Language
 The children will learn why listening is an important skill for learning. Speech sounds, including common blends (bl, cr, st), will be rehearsed through storytelling, particularly when making animal sounds during storytelling!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development
 Linked to this term's Christian value 'Respect', we will focus on what respect looks like in everyday contexts. Turn-taking, patience, listening and encouraging others will be encouraged by playing lots of table top games. The children will learn some traditional playground games that they can use independently during whole school playtimes. This will include Duck, Duck, Goose and Stuck in the Mud!

English
 After the success of 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?' the children will quickly pick up another story by the same author and illustrator 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What You Hear?' This will help settle the children after the Christmas break as they will be familiar with the language and poetic pattern. We will link our non-fiction work to 'Growth Mindset' by reading and writing instructions for being a Superhero Learner. Phonics will be taught daily with the other Key Stage One classes.

WHY?
 To continue being confident mark makers and strengthen physical skills for writing.

Mathematics
 Our focus will be working numbers to 20 particularly reading, writing and ordering teen numbers. Calculation will be applied in different contexts using pictures and objects. The children will learn to apply their mark making skills when solving problems. They will use simple marks to represent an object, for example drawing dots or lines for people in the number rhyme ten in a bed.

Christian Values

This term's theme is **Respect**

Children will identify ways to respect and value themselves and others in different groups. We will be celebrating Chinese New Year with an opportunity to taste some Chinese food!

More information and consent requests will follow about this.

Wider community links

We have been invited back to Taunton School for more Early Years theatre performances over the Spring and Summer term! We are planning a visit to the village Church because the children asked lots of questions during our autumn school services. There will also be weekly visits to the village library in small groups.

Well being

We will continue a responsive approach to teaching and learning where our day is planned around the needs of the children each day. Every morning there will be a Wake and Shake session and an opportunity to have a snack and drink to prepare the body for learning.

Growth Mindset

This term's focus will be **What helps us to learn?**
What stops us from learning?

The film 'Ice Age' will be used to understand about endurance and never giving up. In particular the journey of Scrat!

Characteristics of Effective Learning



Mr Agent Ideas



I have my own ideas.

twinkl.com

Miss Fantastic Focus



I join in and concentrate.

twinkl.com

Mr Achieving Iron Man



I am proud of what I do.

twinkl.com

Physical development

PE lessons will have an animal theme called 'Gym in the Jungle'. There will be lots of opportunities to strengthen small muscles in the wrist, hands and fingers. This includes handling tools safely and manipulating malleable materials e.g. playdough. Children will be encouraged to use the vocabulary of manipulation, e.g. 'squeeze' and 'prod.'

Understanding the World

There will be investigations based around animal habitats in the local environment. This will be extended by finding out about the animals that live in different parts of the world. Practical map skills, leaflets, encyclopedias and interactive technology will be used as a source of information to find out more.



Expressive Art and Design

We will be learning more about design and construction by becoming architects! The class conservatory will be transformed into a design studio where everyone will design and make their own story settings. Watch this space!

The wonderful book 'BEAUTIFUL OOPS' will create opportunities for mistakes to become something special. An example of this in the book is when a torn piece of paper is made into a crocodile with a snappy mouth!

