

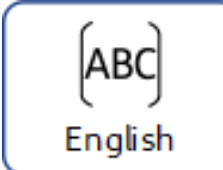
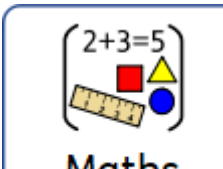




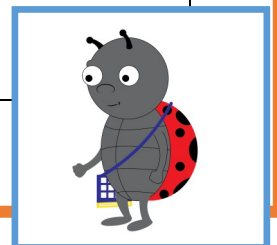
Ladybird Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2025

Welcome to Ladybird Class!

We hope you've had a wonderful summer break! We can't wait to do some super learning this year, and have lots of fun too! It's been lovely to see the children come back into Ladybird class and see their new friends in the Hive.

Ladybird Class is part of **Lower Key Stage 2** in school, **Mrs Lampitt** is our class teacher, supported by two teaching assistants.



 <p>English</p>	<p>During our English sessions we will cover reading and comprehension, writing composition, colourful semantics and handwriting.</p> <p>We develop our fine motor and handwriting skills by making independent marks, following lines and patterns with our pencil and making marks to represent our names and some of us are practising independent letter formation.</p> <p>In our daily phonics sessions, we are focussing on learning Level 2 phoneme sounds and their corresponding letters. We engage with our Phonics learning through practical games, mark-making, sensory activities and interactive games on the computer/ class tablets.</p> <p>We have a Reading session every afternoon. During our sessions we share stories, explore books for pleasure and have 1:1 reading time with an adult. We will be reading a variety of stories linked to our topic, such as <i>Elmer's Weather</i>, <i>After the storm</i>, <i>Tree - Seasons come</i>, <i>Seasons go</i>, <i>Skip through the Seasons</i>, <i>Abacadabra it's Spring</i>, <i>One Snowy Night</i>, and <i>The Snowman</i>.</p>
 <p>Maths</p>	<p>In Maths, we are continuing to develop our number and place value skills. We engage with counting games and activities with our adults and use sensory stimuli to develop our mathematical interest. We continue to develop our shape, space and measure knowledge and this term we will be looking at positional language, size and capacity, and developing our knowledge of 2D shapes.</p>
 <p>Communication</p>	<p>We will complete lots of activities that support and develop our language and communication skills. We are developing our personalised language targets from speech & language. We are also using the Wellcomm language tool to build on our skills. We ensure our classroom is a Total Communication environment. In order to do this, we use Makaton, ALD boards, symbol exchange, intensive interaction and speech to allow children to respond using their preferred communication method.</p>
 <p>Science</p>	<p>In Science we will be exploring different types of weather and looking at how humans and animals are affected by the changing seasons. We will also look at changing states, especially freezing and melting. We will do focus work on plants and what they need to grow.</p>





This term our topic is Changes Over Time

During our topic this term we will be exploring how seasons and whether changes. We will be creating artwork inspired by our topic and we will learn about some famous historical figures.

 History	In History we will be learning about famous explorers, including Scott of the Antarctic and David Livingstone. We will also research Christopher Columbus and Captain Cook and discover how they travelled across the world.
 Geography	In Geography we will looking at and comparing different climates across the world. We will be exploring different seasons and how weather changes as we go through each season.
 PSHE	Our Jigsaw themes for this term are; 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Difference'. During our sessions we will celebrating each other and what makes us unique. We will work together to make and follow our Class Charter,
 Art	In Art we will explore colour mixing and creating new colours by mixing primary colours together. We will use natural materials to create pictures and will use a range of mark-making materials.
 Music	In music we will explore instruments and how their sounds are made. We will practise playing instruments to music and we will be learning about the names of different instruments we use during our music sessions.
 Computing	In computing we are learning to use simple computer programmes to select tools and create digital content.
 RE	During our RE sessions will be learning about Christianity. Through our topic themes we will learn about creation and will be introduced to the concept of the Trinity.
 PE	Ladybirds will have PE on Monday and Friday mornings. Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school so that we can practise getting changed for PE to develop their independence with dressing. Our focuses for this term are developing our dance and throwing and catching skills.
 Life Skills	In Life Skills we will be learning about keeping safe and recognising key people who we work with and who can help us.
	We will also develop our personal care skills by practising to wash our hands independently.