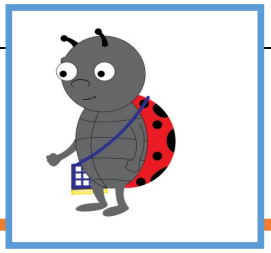
# Ladybird Class
## Newsletter
## Autumn Term 2026

**Welcome to Ladybird Class!**

We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and are looking forward to lots of new learning and fun in the Autumn Term. It has been lovely to welcome the children to Ladybird class and we have had a lovely start to the term in the Hive.

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

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| English | During our English sessions we will cover reading and comprehension, writing composition, colourful semantics and handwriting.<br><br>We develop our fine motor and handwriting skills by threading and cutting. making independent marks, following lines and patterns with our pencil and making marks to represent our names, 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. 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. |
| Maths | 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. |
| Communication | 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. |
| Science | In Science we are exploring rocks and soil, comparing how they look and how they feel. We will also look at the human body, staying healthy and different animal groups along with food chains. |





## This term our topic is Dinosaur Detectives

We will be reading and exploring a variety of fun and imaginative stories all about 'Diunosaurs'. These books will support learning across the curriculum, helping to build vocabulary, encourage creativity, and inspire discussion.

Some of the stories we will enjoy include Dinosaur starts School, Stomp Dinosaur Stomp, Rumpus Jumpus Dinosaurumpus and Rex's Specs. We will be having lots of fun outdoors and water play so please could you send in spare clothes and Wellies?

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| History | In History we have been learning about dinosaurs and what they looked like. We will also be learning about The Stone Age including what people wore and how they lived and making some Stone Age jewellery. |
| Geography | In Geography we will be learning about rivers, (we are going to make our own river!) and mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes. |
| 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 we will be learning about Christianity. Through our topic themes we will learn about the creation and how Christians believe God would want us to look after the earth. |
| 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. On Fridays we will be using the soft play at The Unicorn Centre to support pupils physical development. |
| 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.<br>We will also develop our personal care skills by practising to wash our hands independently. |