

The Dawnay School
LADYBIRDS Class Curriculum Update
Term: Spring 2



Topic Overview

What happens when I fall asleep?

This half term, Ladybird Class will be exploring all the mysterious things that happen when they fall asleep.

We will be learning about nocturnal animals and what they get up to at night. We will be exploring the night sky and creating our own constellations and to launch our new topic we will be inviting the children to come into school for an upside down day , in their Pyjamas.

In our learning we will cover

In Writing we will be...

- Sequencing the stories we read and creating story maps.
- Writing sorry letters.
- Creating warning posters.
- Writing instructions for how to make pancakes and breakfast.
- Segmenting sounds for writing and writing simple sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

The books we will be reading...

- Owl Babies
- How to catch a star
- Emily Brown and The Thing
- Night Monkey, Day Monkey

- Non-fiction texts linked to nocturnal animals and the night sky
- Bedtime for Monsters

In Phonics we will be...

- Learning how to recognise, say and write the Phase 2, 3 and 4 letter sounds.
- Reading and writing simple CCVC, CVCC words using the Phase 3 letter sounds.

In Maths we will be...

- Recognising numbers to at least 20.
- Counting with 1:1 correspondence.
- Writing numbers using the correct number formation.
- Completing addition and Subtraction problems- recording them as number sentences.
- Exploring number bonds.
- Exploring capacity.
- Ordering objects according to their height, weight, length.
- Learning about time- hours.
- Finding 1 more and 1 less.

In Understanding the World we will be...

- Learning facts about nocturnal animals, space and constellations.
- Knowing that information can be found using a computer.
- Creating pictures using 2Simple software.
- Controlling a Beebot.
- Making breakfast.
- Learning about Shrove Tuesday and The Easter story.

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In other lessons we will cover

In Personal, Social and Emotional Development we will be....

- Class expectations.
- How to resolve conflicts.
- Sharing items special to them (Mystery Bag)
- Stranger danger.
- Being a Learning Detective.
- Discussing the importance of having a good bedtime routine and the positive effects of sleep.

In Expressive Arts and Design we will be...

- Creating pictures using different materials and textures.
- Making props to support role play e.g. masks and puppets.
- Exploring instruments to represent different sounds.
- Exploring colour mixing.
- Acting out familiar stories and taking on the roles of different characters.

In Physical Development lessons we will be...

- Wake and Shake daily
- Sports Coach weekly (Tuesday)
- Fine motor station- pegs, threading, stacking cups, cutting skills, bolts and marbles.
- Writing activities (see Literacy)
- Sticky Kids (Monday)
- Bikes, scooters, balance boards to support gross motor development.

Additional Information

Cornerstones topic recommended reading List

Parent Carer Cornerstones Information

Key dates

- Friday 28th February- Upside down day- children to come to school wearing their PJs.
- Monday 2nd -Friday 6th March- Book Fair in school after school every day.
- Thursday 5th March- World Book Day- children to bring in their favourite stories. Deadline for the Book in a Box competition.
- Monday 9th- beginning of Science Week
- Monday 16th March- Science Workshops
- Wednesday 18th March- Twinkl Filming Day in the Infants
- Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th March- Parents Evenings
- Friday 3rd April 1:15pm- Break up for the Easter Holidays.