

Years 1 and 2 - Ladybirds class
SUMMER TERM



WELCOME BACK!

Please read our information sheet carefully to find out what is going on in Ladybird class for this half term.

The team for Ladybird Class:
Mrs Dawson, Miss Adams and Mrs McEwen.

We aspire that all pupils succeed in reaching their God given potential at Dr Walker's - *An Exceptional Place to Flourish, by:*

- **Believing** in God, self and others by developing confidence, respect and trust;
- **Engaging** in a love for learning by nurturing curiosity and independence; and
- **Excelling** in reaching personal potential by being resilient and showing positive behaviour.



Our **CHRISTIAN VALUES** are reflected in:

- *Standing with **COURAGE** for what is right.*
- *Using **CREATIVITY** in problem solving and making life beautiful.*
- *Treating every person and everything with **RESPECT**.*
- *Having **COMPASSION** for others.*
- *Completing every task with **PERSEVERANCE**.*
- *Taking **RESPONSIBILITY** for ourselves.*
- *Living with **HOPE** for a better future.*

Big Questions

This half term we will be looking at answering the question;

'How and why do things change?'

Learning Quest topics:

- **Science:** We will be looking at plants, and even grow our own sunflowers.
- **History:** We will be looking at our families and the Royal family. We will look at how things have changed through time.
- **Geography:** We will be looking at using compasses and using a map to look at our local area.
- **Art and Design:** We will be designing and creating a model of our ideal pet.
- **Design Technology:** We will be planning and making a shoe box guinea pig hutch. Please get saving those shoe boxes!
- **Computing:** We will be creating our own Power Point informing someone how to look after a pet.



Reading

- Please read to and with your child for 10 minutes each day.
- Each child will be given a new book on Monday that can stay at home for the week and come back in on Fridays. They will then have a separate book to read in school.
- The children will be reading to adults in the week and also during guided reading.
- Please also rehearse those phonics, tricky words and high frequency words found in the passport.

Power of Reading

This half-term our Power of Reading book is called **'Olga da Polga'**.



Maths

- Remember to keep practicing the maths skills learnt in school at home. These can be anything from practicing counting in 2s, 5s, 10s, number bonds to baking a cake and weighing all the ingredients out.

Year 1s:

- You will begin learning about different measurements (length, height, weight and volume).
- We will then move on to learning different multiplication and division skills.

Year 2s:

- You will be learning about different properties of shapes, different fractions and then moving onto length and height.

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This half-term we are looking at different celebrations and important people in the religions Islam and Judaism.



PE:

- Remember to come to school in full PE kits on Monday and Wednesday (Please note this may be different for siblings).
- Wednesday PE will be with Mr Barnes and you will be working on team games.
- Monday PE with Mrs Dawson and Miss Adams and you will be doing Athletics.
- Please wear the correct PE kit, remove any jewellery (if possible) tie hair up and bring a labelled water bottle.
- Please make note of the change of PE dates below.

PE.
Black shorts or skirt
White Dr Walker's logo Polo shirt
Black/white plain trainers or plimsolls
Black tracksuit

Important dates:

May bank holiday: 3 May
Half-term break: 31 May – 4 June
INSET day: 7 June
Change of PE days
Friday 23rd April instead of Monday 19th April
Friday 18th June instead of Monday 14th June

Homework:

The home learning quest contains activities that you can complete at home to earn house points. This half terms learning Quest will be sent home and also available to see on the class website.

We would love to see the work you have been completing so please email us your pictures to ladybirds@fyfielddrwalkers.essex.sch.uk
Or tweet them to [@drwalker_s](https://twitter.com/drwalker_s)

Useful websites

The following sites may also be useful if your child wanted to complete anything on top of our class work.

Phonics and reading

- [Alphablocks BBC iPlayer - Alphablocks](#)
- Phonics play [PhonicsPlay](#)
- You tube- (search certain sounds etc)
- Oxford Owl [Oxford Owl for School and Home](#) (reading)

Maths

- Top Marks (maths)
- White Rose [Home Learning | White Rose Maths](#)
- Number blocks [Numberblocks - CBeebies - BBC](#)

General

- Oak Academy [Home - Oak National Academy \(thenational.academy\)](#)
- Twinkl
- BBC channel for primary lessons
- BBC Bitesize

We thank you in advance for your continued support at home.

We will continue to monitor the class email daily; please feel free to use this as a way of communicating with us and we will get back to you as soon as we can. ladybirds@fyfielddrwalkers.essex.sch.uk

Here's to a great Summer 1 term!

Mrs Dawson, Miss Adams and Mrs McEwen.

