

Communication and Language

The children will be encouraged to join in with circle times as they talk about their individual likes and dislikes, as well as what makes them special. We will emphasise listening to stories and sharing books. The children will have the chance to re-tell stories using props, costumes or puppets. We will model turn taking and two-way conversations through role play.

Physical Development

Small equipment such as pegboards and threading, dough disco, scissors and pencil control activities will be used to develop the children's fine motor skills. PE will take place indoors this half term. We will work on getting dressed independently, develop our awareness of space and play parachute games.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our Hampton Dene Discoverers focus for this term will be 'Independence'. At the start of term, the emphasis will be on encouraging the children to play together and to develop friendships. They will be helped to settle into the daily routines and supported to become happy and confident in their new class/school.

English

We will be sharing and reading quality story books every day, in particular 'Charlie the Firefighter' and 'The Zoo Vet'. Each child will have the opportunity to share a variety of facts about themselves such as their favourite food, favourite thing about school and what they want to be when they grow up.

The children will be encouraged to put meaning to marks they make as they draw, write and paint, as well as writing their names and some other simple familiar words, if they are ready to.

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Our topic in Ladybird Class this half term is
'People Who Help Us.'

The children's interests will continually be used to inform the direction which our topic takes.



Maths

To start, we shall introduce the counting principles to the children. We will focus on the importance of counting in order and understanding that one number name is associated to one item when counting.

We will be developing the children's ability to count, recognise and order numbers from 0 – 5 and place in a line. We will use a range of objects and songs to support our work on numbers 1,2,3,4,5. We will also explore sorting objects based on colour, size and shape.

Understanding the World

We will base our learning around a range of occupations and their transport. We will explore our local area by discussing our houses and familiar places around us, as well as creating a journey string. The children will focus on where specific foods come from and learn about how various foods are grown.

How you can help

Please share books/stories regularly and ask your child questions about what you have read. Practise tracing or writing their name, showing them the correct letter formation. Help your child learn to count, recognise and order numbers to five and beyond. If you could discuss your family and jobs with your child, this will support our topic sessions.

Thank you!

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be creating a range of crafts this half term such as: split pin characters, self-portraits, family trees, chalk x-rays and emergency vehicle collages. The role play corner will be changed regularly to provide opportunities for the children to develop their imaginative play. We will start with a home corner and change into a hospital.