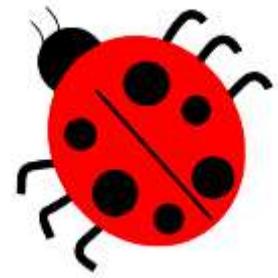


## **Monkton CEP School**

### **Ladybird Class Newsletter**

*'Every child is special'*



**Happy New Year!**

I hope you had a wonderful time over the holidays. Miss Corfmat and I were very touched by the lovely cards and gifts we were given, and we're so grateful to those of you who extended your good wishes to us. Thank you!

This term is a shorter one than the last and as the days are starting to get longer again I think it's going to be a really nice term with great learning through exciting topics. We are having an activity afternoon for Ladybird class parents and adults on 23rd January at 2.15pm. We'd love to see you there!

**Ms. Szwedowski and Miss Corfmat**

#### **English**

We are going to be studying myths, legends and imaginary worlds this term. We've already begun by making a list of all the imaginary worlds we know of from literature and the world of entertainment!

The children will be rewriting myths, writing their own myths and creating their own fictional world for a story. I hope they share their ideas with you at home.

#### **Maths**

As well as extending our knowledge of place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, we are going to be studying fractions and decimals this term.

Don't forget that each child regularly takes part in the school's Number Challenge. Support from home on learning times tables is very important – check out the websites that make learning them fun!

#### **Science**

Our Science topic is 'All Living Things' with particular reference to the coast. This links with our Geography and History topics, which ensures that we will have lots of cross-curricular study.

#### **ICT**

Our ICT theme this term is "We are musicians". This builds on the children's previous learning by using knowledge from last term's sound topic to create music on the computers.

## RE

Our focus this term is Judaism.  
We will be looking at the life of  
Moses and the sacred texts in  
Judaism.

## PE

Team Theme are back for  
gymnastics this term! Please  
ensure your child has the correct  
PE kit in school every week. Our  
PE day is Thursday.

### Foundation subjects

This term we are leaving India behind and looking much closer to home.  
We are studying rivers and coastlines of the UK, and how water influences  
where settlers chose to live.

We will be taking a close look at Monkton and Ramsgate to understand why  
our ancestors chose to live here. Our art lessons are also linked to the sea,  
and we will be learning about various artists who used the sea as inspiration  
for their work.

### Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their  
learning that they might be unfamiliar with. It would be wonderful if you  
could spend some time exploring these words together.

**English** – myth, legend, story, fable, Magical object, hero, mystical or  
fantastical creatures

**Mathematics** – fraction, part of, equal, numerator, denominator

**Topic/foundation subjects** – settlement, landscape, coastline, marinas,  
estuary

### Websites

<http://myths.e2bn.org/mythsandlegends/>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling\\_grammar/sentences/read/1/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/sentences/read/1/)

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/fractions-and-decimals>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

[www.teachingtables.co.uk/](http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/)



### Reading Record Books

Just a reminder that every child from Year R to Year 6 has a reading record book which they  
should bring home every day. Children should use their books until they are full up and then  
they will be replaced.