

# Waterhouses CE Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to this second part of this autumn term in Ladybird class. This term is an exciting one for the young children in school as we prepare for the magical season of Christmas.

The Ladybird children will be taking part in a performance of the Nativity play, going on a school visit and sharing in Christmas parties.

We begin this term with the theme 'What's that sound?'

'Listen carefully ... What can you hear?'

Is it a loud sound?

Is it a quiet sound?

We will be finding out all about sounds and music in this exciting but noisy theme.

We will be going on sound walks indoors and outside in the local environment to see what we can hear and where the sounds are coming from. We will be exploring and playing with toys that make sounds, listen to audio stories and create our own sounds for a variety of stories.

We will play percussion instruments which is lots of fun and use reclaimed materials to make our own instruments and investigate how sounds are made by feeling the vibrations when we play instruments and when we speak.

During our music work we will listen to different pieces of music which we will discuss and paint pictures to.

We will read stories and share rhymes which involve the theme sound e.g.

Mr Quiet, Mr Noisy, Peace at Last, The Listening Walk and Noisy poems.

Using our maths knowledge we will ring bells and chime bars a certain number of times and sing number themed songs.

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### Supporting your child at home:

#### Let's make music!

Why not make some instruments and make music together. Some ideas can be seen below using reclaimed materials often filled with rice or pasta.

As a family sing, dance and listen to a variety of songs and music, thinking about which type of music you like and why.

Reading Your child will continue to choose their own library book to bring home and share with you, please fill in the comment boxes in the additional record book.

When you want to change your child's library book, please visit the reading boxes, which can be found in the classroom in the morning and, together with your child, choose a book they would like to borrow. Please ensure that you fill in the record file on the side (please ask a member of staff if you are unsure what to do). If your child attends breakfast club or if they are on the school bus, please return their books in their bags and we will ensure that they change them regularly.

#### Reception Reading:

The most important part of reading in Reception is to regularly practise their letter and word keyrings - just five minutes a day really does make a difference to your child making progress.

Please return reading books once read at home every Monday and Thursday which will enable your child to have a new one on a Tuesday and Friday. Daily phonics activities which are differentiated for Nursery and Reception will take place.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Mrs Hulme, Mrs Bradbury, Miss Hall and Ms Fowler