

# Ladybird Weekly News

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A C T I V I T I E S O F T H E W E E K ?



Ladybird  
Pattaya  
International  
Kindergarten

All classrooms focus on "School Routine", which involved;

1. Hello and Goodbye in the morning and afternoon Routine
2. Washing hands after activities to keep ourselves clean
3. After finishing our food, we tidy up by putting our plates and glasses into the washing bucket
4. We say "Can I...?" when we want to ask for something and "Thank you" when we want to show that we are thankful.

### Cooking Class:

*Nursery class*  
Zoo Animal Cookies  
*Kindergarten 1*  
Strawberry Yoghurt Lollies  
*Kindergarten 2*  
Strawberry Yoghurt Cake



### Games, Songs & Dance:

*Nursery Class*  
Zoo Sounds & Songs  
*Kindergarten 1*  
Seasonal Songs  
*Kindergarten 2*  
Row, Row, Row your Boat



### Arts & Crafts:

*Nursery Class*  
Snakes & Lion Manes  
*Kindergarten 1*  
Aboriginal Art  
*Kindergarten 2*  
Bird Nests



### Letters & Numeracy:

*Nursery Class*  
The letter J  
*Kindergarten 1*  
Back to School Recap  
*Kindergarten 2*  
Phonics & Maths Recap



### Nature & Science

*Nursery Class*  
Heavy & Light  
*Kindergarten 1 & 2*  
Seasons, Boats



## WHAT DID WE DO IN NURSERY CLASS?

Dear Nursery Parents,

Happy Friday! Hope your families had a great holiday break. It's definitely great to see all the children back in school again and excited to start the new term. Kicking off the start of this new term, we're adding a new routine to the children's day. This term the children will have the responsibility of setting their own table and serving themselves. This will encourage the children to gain a larger sense of independence and responsibility, and so far they really seem to enjoy it! Another new addition to the start of this term is that Nursery has gained a new student, Beni. Still a bit shy, but the children have one by one approached him to say hi and hopefully in due time he'll start to feel more comfortable coming to school.

Picking up the pace where we left off, this week the children learned about zoo animals and the different types of animals that can be found at the zoo. On Monday the children listened to the sounds made by a lion, elephant, monkey, gorilla, panda, and a snake. They then got to



make and paint the mane of a lion using forks, and even made a swirly snake. For alphabet day on Tuesday, we focused on the letter J, and learned that J is for jaguar. The children then got to turn the letter J into a jaguar to add to their alphabet book. On Wednesday, the children explored the concepts of things being heavy or light, and tested their knowledge on objects in the classroom, watching to see if they would float or sink. On Thursday for math, the children practiced counting their numbers by listening to nursery songs and practiced recognizing the numbers up to 4. To end the week off, we made fun zoo animal shaped cookies and practiced our shapes and sizes.

Next week, since the children have gotten back from the holiday and spent lots of time with family, we will be focusing on our families. The children will be asked to bring a picture of each member of their family and we will be creating a family tree. Have a great weekend and see you all next week.

Kind Regards,

-Teacher Kalia





WHAT DID WE DO IN KINDERGARTEN 1 ?

Dear Parents,

We've been so happy to have the children back in Kindergarten 1 this week! The children were all excited to be back at school and quickly adjusted to the school routine after the long holidays, diving straight in to our new theme on the seasons! Along with the season tree booklet each child made, we also looked at Aboriginal art during arts and crafts, and the children really enjoyed stamping out the little dots to make a larger picture. We have been revising our number and letters all week, and we'll soon be back on track! In phonics class we've just completed our Jolly Phonics group 1 phonemes and after a little bit of revision, we will be starting on group 2. For cooking class we made strawberry yogurt ice-lollies, and the children really enjoyed mixing all the ingredients and pouring them into the molds.



Next week we will be starting our theme on Healthy Eating, and we will be learning all about what you should and shouldn't eat, the food pyramid, different food groups, and how to lead a healthy life.

I have sent a letter home with the students detailing more information regarding the year-long project we are about to start. We have been narrowing down a project theme over the week based on students' interests, and after many class discussions it looks like we are heading towards the theme of Boats. This project will consist of mostly student-led activities and discussions to encourage their independent thinking, as well as a number of exciting planned field trips to further their study. We want to encourage group work, investigative skills and confidence in their opinions, and we're sure the children will love what we have planned! To help start them off on this theme it would be helpful if you could talk to them over the weekend about the different experiences you or they have had on boats, as I'm sure the other children

would love to hear all the different stories in class on Monday!

A quick reminder regarding the weekend work- this week I have assigned a book to each child to read at home. Please read the book to your child at least 2 or 3 times over the weekend (perhaps as a bedtime story) so that we can discuss it on Monday as a class. Make sure to follow the words with your finger! Also we will be having show and tell on Monday morning, so please ask your child to pick something interesting to bring into school and show the other children. I hope you have wonderful weekend!

Kind Regards,  
- Teacher Ragini



**WHAT DID WE DO IN KINDERGARTEN 2 ?**

Dear K2 Parents,

We have had a lovely week back at school with the children, and I hope you are well rested after your holidays. We began our week with only one student with whom we spring-cleaned the entire K2 classroom. All the Christmas decorations were removed and thrown out or stored or sent home, and our spring season began!

We've been looking at the weather during spring, and making bird nests to hang in our tree by the classroom. We've also started working with felt to make flowers in our arts and crafts lessons, some of which the children took home so I'm sure you saw their lovely work.

In our other classes the children have all been making great progress in their phonics and maths. We made a large math game together, with which the children could physically add and see results. We also used water play creatively with lettered balloons, and the children are starting to sound out familiar words with limited help from their teachers.

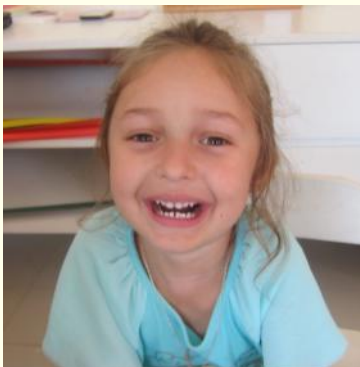
This week we have made the beginning steps into our long-term project with the children and thus far they all share an enthusiasm in the topic of boats. K1 and K2 will be working together once a day from now on to study this topic, as it seems to be more productive in a larger group. Teacher Ragini and I will be writing in the contact books to provide more details, but if you have any information or stories to share on the topic of boats, please do share them with the children so that they may come in on Monday and become involved in taking the project further!

Kind Regards,  
-Teacher Florence



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**LADYBIRD PATTAYA INTERNATIONAL  
KINDERGARTEN****PARENTS REMINDER**

Parents, please send your child's swimming suit, towels and plastic bag in to school with them on their scheduled day Water Play so they do not miss out!

The sun is bright and strong even when it is January. Please send in your child's hat and sun-screen for their outdoor play.

Please remember to always check your child's contact book—this is a fundamental channel of communication between you and your child's teacher, as well as the school.