



Curriculum Newsletter for Bluebell Class – Year 1 Children Half Term 2 2023-24

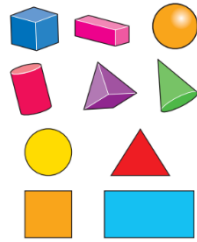
We hope you have all had a lovely half term break. It has been a pleasure to continue to work with the children, it is so lovely seeing them build upon all that we did in Reception and we feel privileged to teach them for another year. We have another busy half term ahead and this newsletter should give you an insight of the exciting things we are up to.



Maths

2D and 3D shapes

The children will be describing 2D and 3D shapes, looking closely at differences and similarities between the shapes and finishing patterns and sequences with the shapes.



Addition and subtraction

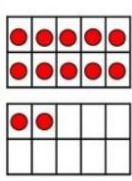
The children will be using a range of different ways to represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20

Numbers to 20

We will look closely at the place value of each digit, we will be counting in tens and ones and

12

twelve



partitioning numbers into tens and ones.

Throughout the maths curriculum the children will be using different models

and representations. They will be using practical objects to support the deepening of their understanding and we will be working on their ability to solve problems and apply reasoning strategies, they will be working on answering 'why' or 'how' an answer was reached.

English

We will be looking at texts linked to our topic 'Winter Wonderland'. We will be reading stories that are set in Winter or Polar Regions.

We will be looking at fiction and non-fiction books and talking about features of



both. In our own writing we will be working on always remembering to start our sentences with capital letters and ends with a full stop.

Phonics

We will be continuing 'Phase 5' of phonics programme. In these sessions the children will learn a series of new letter sounds and different ways to make the sounds they have

already learnt. For example, they will learn all the different ways to spell the 'igh' sound.

For example, we will learn the words pie,

•	light	time	pie	tight	cries
◦	drive	night	fright	bike	lie
◦•	tie	replied	fire	fight	kite
◦◦	prize	sunshine	high	fried	might
◦◦•	knight	thigh	cried	slide	dried
◦◦◦	tries	five	sight	inside	right

line, spy and final all have the same sound but spelt in different ways. The children will continue to learn how to read and spell tricky words or 'common exception words'.

RE - Our topic for this term is: **Mary, Mother of God**

The children will be learning about the story of the Annunciation and the Visitation and say what these stories tell us about Mary, Joseph and Elizabeth. We will be looking at how as Christians we prepare for Christmas and recognising symbols of advent. The children will be learning about the story of the Nativity from the point of view of Mary and answer the question 'What is wonderful about Christmas?'



Diwali –

In Bluebell class we focus on celebrations from around the world throughout the year. The first celebration we will be learning about this year is the Hindu festival of Diwali.



PE – In PE this term we will be learning about:

Throughout the term the children will also be working on their balance, agility and co-ordination. We will also be focussing on 'Me and Myself' looking at our bodies and what we can do with our bodies. PE this half term will take place on a Tuesday and a Thursday. On those days

can the children please come in their PE kits.

The children will be taught in a creative way through **themes and topics**, through a given theme we then cover key skills from all aspects of the National Curriculum.

Curriculum- This half term our topic is 'Winter Wonderland'.

History – In History, we will be learning about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. This will include Matthew Henson (the first man to stand on top of the world and reach the North Pole), Felicity Aston (the first woman to ski across Antarctica alone) and the great work of David Attenborough.



Geography - We will be looking at world maps and atlases to identify polar regions. We will be learning about hot and cold climates of the world and sorting animals and their habitats.

Art and Design Technology: As a class we will be looking at frozen art and ice art by Andy Goldsworthy. We will be commenting on how this work makes us feel and discussing if we like it or not. We will then have a go at making our own pieces inspired by Goldsworthy.

Music – This half term we will following a Pulse and Rhythm project where the children will be listening to and performing pop songs about friendship. We will learn to clap, dance, sing and march in time to the music and use untuned percussion instruments. We will also be learning the songs to our Nativity!

Science: - **'Seasonal Change'** - We will be looking at how the weather and length of day light will change this half term. We will be observing the changes as we move from Autumn to Winter. We will naming the four seasons and describing the weather associated with each season. We will be collecting data around the weather and learning about **Sir Francis Beaufort** who created a scale that measures the speed of the wind. We will also be looking at how animals adapt to the colder weather as winter takes hold.

To help your child at home you could -



- Read the school reading book every day and comment in the reading record as this helps us to see how they are doing at home.
- Encourage the children to learn their spellings that are sent home on a Tuesday. We will start to send home some spelling activity sheets - these are to support you and are not compulsory or needed to be handed back in.
- Read a selection of other books and stories to your child or listen to an audio book together.
- Playing games such as snakes and ladders, bingo and other board games that involve number.

Talk to your child about what they have done at school and about topics in this letter.

General information

Outdoor clothing

We do aim to go outside in all weathers. With this in mind we politely ask **every child to bring a warm outdoor coat to school daily and a pair of wellies that can be left in school. Children should also have a hat, scarf and some warm gloves.**

School fruit and milk

We are fortunate that every child is able to have a piece of fruit as their snack in school every day. We do not need you to provide your child with an additional snack.

Please be aware that once your child turned 5 they will no longer receive daily milk unless you subscribe through CoolMilk. Please email the office if you need further details.

Many thanks for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office

Best Wishes

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