

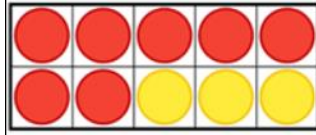


Curriculum Newsletter for Bluebell Class – Reception Children Half Term 4 2023-2024

We are looking forward to welcoming your children back and hope that you have all had a restful half term break. This newsletter will give you an insight to the exciting things we will be covering in class over the next half term. We will continue to use our indoor and outdoor environments, and plan for purposeful play based learning experiences alongside more planned focussed tasks.

Maths

We will be comparing numbers to 10 and starting to think about our 'Bonds to ten'. These are the pairs of numbers that we can add



together to total 10. To support us with this work we will be using a tens frame and a part whole model. These are ways of helping the children practically see the addition and develop a deeper understanding of what is happening to the number.

We will then work with part-whole models to 'break apart' 10 and identify the different bonds created. The children will be introduced to the 'finding a missing part' structure of subtraction from 10.



We will end this half term by looking at patterns. We will be recognising, extending, creating and

explaining simple repeating patterns. We will consider patterns not just in pictures but in our everyday environment and using sounds, words and actions.

English

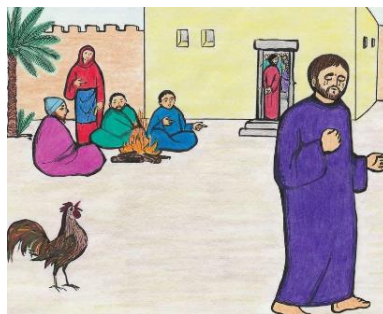
We will begin the term looking at dinosaur poems and learning them off by heart. We will perform the poems in groups and record this on Tapestry. We will also be working together to share write our own version of the poem and learn about rhyming. We will be continuing to use our taught sounds to spell and write captions to match pictures. We will be writing invitations and cards to our friends and reading and following instructions to make dinosaur cakes for a 'party'. We will talk about books we have read as a class and create story maps and write descriptions of the characters.

Phonics

We will begin this half term reviewing some phase 3 sounds we have struggled to remember and ones we are forgetting to use in our writing. We will then begin learning new sounds and work on reading these in words and writing them in words and sentences.

RE - Our topic for this term is: **Sorrow and Joy**

In our RE work we will be talking about how we should always try to be kind to each other but thinking about how sometimes this is hard to remember. We will be talking about the words sorry and forgiveness. We will learn how Jesus forgave people when they hurt him and betrayed him and thinking about how we too can forgive those who hurt us.



We are very fortunate this half term to have PE with Mr Gibson twice a week. **PE will be on a Wednesday and a Thursday.** In these sessions the children will be working on the fundamental movement and skills of striking and receiving.

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 Early Years Foundation Stage. Through the activities we plan we aim that the children are engaged in their learning through play through exploration and investigation.

Curriculum- This half term our topic is 'Dangerous Dinos'.

In the Dangerous Dinosaurs project, your child will find out about prehistoric animals that lived on Earth. They will learn facts about dinosaurs and discover how big some of these giant creatures were. They will learn about the difference between carnivores and herbivores. They will also find out about the animals that lived after the dinosaurs and which modern-day animals have prehistoric relatives.

Our role play area will be a 'Vets Practice'. The children will learn about five of the groups that scientists use to classify animals: mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians. They will learn to identify the group an animal belongs to by its features and will classify animals according to their group. They will also learn about the different diets animals eat. Children will begin by looking at animal young and comparing them to their adults. They will look at how animals change as they grow up and be introduced to the life cycles of several varied common animals. Children will know the three basic needs of animals for survival are water, food and air.

To help your child at home you could -

Reading

Where possible we would recommend you hear your child read daily. When you have listened to your child read we ask that you make a comment in their reading record.



Tapestry

Please engage with Tapestry as much as you can. We love to see videos/pictures of what the children have been up to at home with you and it is lovely for you to see what they have been achieving at school.

General information

Please be aware that milk is only free for the children until their 5th birthday. After this is your child would still like milk in the school day you will need to subscribe through the cool milk website.

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

Mrs C Gilhooly and Mrs S Fisher