



Curriculum Newsletter for Bluebell Class – Year 1 Children

Half Term 4 2023-2024

Maths

Place value within 50

We will continue to explore counting in 2s and 5s to 50 looking at the patterns we can see. In our maths sessions we use a range of practical resources to support the children deepen their knowledge. We use counters, cubes, base ten, tens frames and part-whole models.

Length and Height

We will be comparing lengths and heights using non-standard units of measuring. We will also begin using rulers to measure accurately.

Weight and Volume

We will be comparing and measuring the weight of objects. We will then be comparing and measuring the capacity of different containers (seeing how much a container can hold).



English

We will begin our half term looking at a selection of dinosaur poems. We will work in groups to perform poems we have learnt off by heart and write our own poems, changing the verbs and adverbs to the one we know. We will then write information reports on Marry Anning, after researching the life of her. We will look at instructions and text marking key features, predict and sequence stories and write out own letters. We will continue to focus on using capital letters and full stops in our sentences. We will also use 'and' to join ideas together and learn to spell common misconception words in our writing.

Phonics

We will continue to work through phase 5 of our Phonics Bug phonics scheme looking at alternative ways to spell the sounds we already know. For example we will be learning that 'ch' can make 'c' like 'Christmas'.

RE - Our topic for this term is: **Following Jesus**

In our RE work we will be learning about how Jesus chose His Disciples and how He taught them to pray. We will be learning the story of the good Samaritan and think about what we can learn from this story. During Holy Week at the end of this half term we will look closely at the different parts of the Easter story.



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 National Curriculum for Year 1.

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.

History: In History, we will be continuing to understand the term 'significant' and be able to explain why a significant individual is important. We will listen to the story of Marry Anning, a palaeontologist and look at images of her fossil discoveries, including the first marine reptile. We will think of questions we would like to have asked her and share what we have learned about her by making a fact file and timeline of her life.

Geography: We will name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans on a world map. We will find out about animal extinction and the ones that are endangered. These include the white rhinoceros (Africa), giant panda (Asia), bald eagle (North America), scarlet macaw (South America), polar bear (the Arctic), koala (Australia), ibex (Europe) and blue whale (found in many oceans but prefers colder waters, such as the Southern Ocean). We will label a blank world map and draw each animal on the correct country or continent.

Science: 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.

Computing: We will be using Purple Mash to complete our first coding unit. This unit encourages children to begin to think logically about scenarios. Children will be introduced to the term 'algorithm'. This concept is at the core of coding.

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 write a comment or sign to show that the book has been read.



Spellings -

The children will continue with the 'Spelling Bee' programme as started last half term. They will go home with the new set of spellings in their folder. Like last term they will be working on these spellings in class and have a 'Spelling Bee Quiz' on the last week of this half term to see how many we have all improved by!

General information

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

Best Wishes

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