

# Curriculum letter for Bluebells, Dandelions, Buttercups and Snowdrops



**This term's BIG question:** What if the World had no colour?

Welcome back everyone; we have a very exciting year ahead of us!

We are impressed by the children and how they have responded so brilliantly to the changes within school. In our classes, we have decided that we will work as a team to keep one another safe and make sure we wash our hands plenty of times through the day.



**Maths:** In Maths we will begin the term focussing on our place value knowledge. Year 1 children will look closely at numbers within 10 ensuring that they are confident with the number system as this underpins the fundamental skills in knowledge needed for the future. We will then move onto looking at numbers within 20. Year 2 will be looking closely at the place value of numbers within 100 and recognising that a 2-digit number is made of tens and ones. Both year groups will deepen their knowledge of numbers by counting forwards and backwards, comparing and ordering. As ever, we will continue to ask children to justify and explain their thinking which will lead them to develop a depth of understanding.

**English:** There will be lots of exciting reading and writing opportunities this term. Our main focus this term will be writing sentences that are grammatically correct and then building on this so that narratives are written. We will be providing the children with lots of opportunities to write and create a passion for writing in different styles throughout the term. The children will be extending their sentences by including adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions. During phonics we will recap and revisit previous sounds taught while moving onto phase 5 sounds. We will continue to practice spelling words with increasing accuracy. During our Book Talk sessions, we will look closely at the different features of books. We will be ensuring that the children are exposed to a variety of texts from fiction, non-fiction and poetry.



**Music:** We will be learning songs with a colourful twist and will be especially focussing on songs from the Wizard of Oz – of course we will also be learning songs for Harvest and Christmas too!

**Computing:** We will be using technology to take and enhance digital images.



**P.E.:** On Wednesday the children will benefit from having a specialist coach teach them various elements of the P.E. curriculum and on their other P.E. day the children will be learning different dance motifs.

**R.E.:** The children will be learning about important places for people with a Christian belief.



**Science:** Children will observe seasonal changes and notice changes in the natural colour palette.

**P.S.H.E.:** We will discuss how to make our classroom a safe and fair place and how to work co-operatively.



**History/Geography:** The children will be learning about how human beings have created light and how this has changed the world. We will also be looking at the flags/festivals of different nations.

**Art/D.T.:** We will be investigating the works of colourful artists such as Kandinsky and Pollock and trying to emulate them in our own styles!



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Each class will have access to the forest school and their outdoor areas throughout the week. Opportunities to learn inside and outside are so important so **please do supply a pair of wellies** for your child that can be kept in school. This will enable them to access all of these areas. Please keep these wellies in a named bag. These will be their **outdoor learning 'shoes'** and their normal school shoes will be their **'indoor' learning shoes**.



## Things to remember:

- School Jam- Shortly the children will be set learning tasks each week on School Jam. This will consolidate the learning that we have been doing in school and provide support to you with vocabulary and expectations. We will be rewarding the children with their brilliant efforts at the end of each term so please do support your child at home by engaging with the work set.
- Oxford Reading Buddy – The children will continue to have access to this wonderful online library! This fantastic resource has a range of texts for your child to engage with and quizzes to develop their comprehension skills.
- Home Learning Projects will be put on Class Dojo during the first few weeks of the term, please keep your eye out for this and send pictures and videos onto your children's portfolio to share with their class.
- Our P.E. lessons will be on Monday and Wednesday for Buttercups and Snowdrops and Wednesday and Thursday for Bluebells and Dandelions. Children will continue to be able to come to school on P.E. days in their P.E. kits. P.E. will, sometimes, be outside so make sure that their clothing is appropriate for this. Please remove all jewellery on P.E. days.
- Water bottles will be sent home every Friday for washing, please ensure that this is returned every **Monday**. If we have to issue your child with a new water bottle you will be charged £1.50 via our parent pay system.
- Please ensure your child has their reading book and book bag in school every day even if they have not finished reading it yet.



Starting school at the right time is very important! Please ensure your child is in school promptly.



Please ensure that you are practising handwashing at home with your children, making sure that they are washing their hands for at least 20 seconds.

We thank you for your continued support, we are excited to be back with the children and helping to support them in their learning journey.

Best wishes,

Miss Harris and Mrs George – **Snowdrop's Team**

Mrs Friend and Miss Greensill and Miss Davison – **Bluebell's Team**

Mr Morris and Miss Cocks – **Dandelion's Team**

Miss Edwards and Miss Fuller – **Buttercup's Team**