

Curriculum letter for Bluebells, Dandelions and Snowdrops

This term's BIG question: How would you introduce an alien?



yourself to

Maths: This term we will continue to develop our place value knowledge. We will be adding and subtracting 1 and 2 digit numbers. As the term progresses we will begin to look at multiplication.



We will focus on counting in 2's, 5's and 10 whilst also understanding how multiplication requires us to make equal groups. We will then explore division and the inverse of multiplication and will be sharing amounts into equal groups. Whilst the children deepen their knowledge of the 4 mathematical operations, they will develop their fluency and recall of number facts whilst also applying their knowledge to solve problems including comparing equations. The children will continue to explore 2D and 3D shapes and explain their properties such as sides, vertices and faces. We are also encouraging the children to tell the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.

English: There will be lots of exciting reading and writing opportunities this term. We will write character descriptions as well as biographies for significant people such as Neil Armstrong. Children will examine newspapers and have a go at writing their own articles. We will also write instructions to help any aliens we might meet with life on earth! Children will practise writing questions and look at the difference between statements and exclamations. Furthermore, we will explore a range of texts linked to our theme.

Computing: The children will be looking at algorithms (sets of instructions) and how computer programs are executed by following these. We will be giving the computer and programmable toys instructions and will be 'debugging' simple sets of instructions to make sure they work properly!

Science: The children will build a rocket and will then investigate how we can make it move and how we can make it move as far as possible. The children will be learning about forces, gravity and trajectory as well as how to test, measure, predict and evaluate results.

Geography: During the term, the children will develop their knowledge of the seven continents of the world. The children will begin to explore the five oceans. They will continue to use maps to help locate and identify different countries and oceans

Art: We are very pleased to have Piper again with us this term. He will continue supporting the children as they develop different artistic techniques.



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P.E: In Dance, the children are exploring the different ways that their body can move. The children are creating dances to fit into a story. We will also be joined by a sports coach to help us practice skills needed to become great sportsmen and women such as balance, co-ordination and speed.

Music: We will be learning space themed songs and performing them with simple untuned instrumental backings. We will also be listening to classic and contemporary music clips with videos and discussing these together.

History: In History we will be looking at significant people in the past. Our theme will lead us into finding out about famous astronauts and important missions they have been on.



R.E.: In R.E. we will be reading some Old Testament stories and exploring their content and message through a variety of activities including drama.

PSHE: In PSHE we will continue to use our 'Jigsaw' scheme, which this term focuses on children's dreams and goals. We will be setting goals and looking at how to overcome any challenges and obstacles that may be faced.

Things to remember:

- School Jam- We have a brilliant new app for you to use at home with your child. School Jam is designed to help children develop their mathematical knowledge. It is a great application that has short videos for you and your child to engage with and some challenges for the children to try.
- 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 return any learning to school within the term.
- Oxford Reading Buddy – Don't forget the children can access a library from the comfort of their own home.
- Our **PE lessons** are on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**. Please keep PE kits in the children's lockers. If your child wears earrings, please ensure that they have micropore tape to cover them or a pot to put them into after taking them out.
- 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 a new water bottle you will be charged £1.00 via our parent pay system.
- Please ensure your child has their reading book and book bag in school every day.

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Starting school at the right time is very important! Please ensure your child is in school by 09:00. After this time, the gates to the classrooms will close and you must take your child to the school office.

We are looking forward to another fantastic term.

Best wishes,

Miss Harris and Mrs Greensill – Snowdrop’s Team

Mrs Sheridan, Mrs Finch and Mrs Davies – Bluebell’s Team

Mr Morris, Mrs George and Mrs Dixon – Dandelion’s Team