



Spring Term 2020 Bluebell Class



Reading &

Your child will continue to bring home a reading book and reading diary. Please ensure you record in the diary every time your child reads. We are keeping close track of the amount of times your child is reading at home and awards have been given to those who have reached particular milestones. Some children are nearing 100 reads since September. Books are changed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The children will continue to write for a variety of purpose. This includes lists, instructions, labels, letters, stories, posters. We shall be learning to use a wider range of punctuation including question marks and exclamation marks.

In phonics we shall continue with Phase 5. The children will learn to say the sound for any grapheme they are shown, write the common graphemes for any given sound (e.g. 'e,' 'ee,' 'ie,' 'ea') and use their phonics knowledge to read and spell unfamiliar words of up to three syllables. They will learn to read all of the 100 high frequency words, and be able to spell most of them and also practice forming letters correctly, using a cursive style. At the end of Year 1, all children are given a Phonics Screening Check to ensure they have mastered the appropriate knowledge. I shall be delivering an information session about the screening test later in the term, further details to follow.

Maths

In Maths, the children will become more familiar with numbers to 100. They shall represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20. They shall solve missing number problems, involving addition, subtraction and solve problems in number stories. They will be gaining confidence in using non standard and standard measures to record weight and capacity..

Topic

Our topic for this half term is 'Down Our Street'. We shall be exploring our local area, including the school grounds and surrounding streets. We shall look at the houses, shops and key features of our local area and look at maps and plan and follow routes.

Homework

This shall continue to take the form of a half termly project based on our current learning in class. It appears as though 'Athletics' is still proving tricky for some children to access. Please come in and see me if this is still the case for your child, as it is an expectation that the children complete their homework. For the children who are able to access the website, the feedback from parents is positive and I am beginning to see impact on their progress in class. Please also remember to practice weekly spellings which are tested on a Friday,

P.E

Our P.E. days are Tuesday and Thursday. It is vitally important that children follow the school P.E dress code and their kit should consist of black school polo P.E. shirt (now available through the school website link) and black shorts/joggers/leggings or white t-shirt and black bottoms. Mr Milner does generally take the children outside so a tracksuit is certainly recommended. If your child forgets their P.E. kit they will still be expected to join in with the lesson but unfortunately will lose minutes of their next playtime.

Student Teacher

We welcome Miss McCourt to Bluebell Class, up until February half term. Miss McCourt is a trainee teacher from TeachFirst, who has been on placement at The Beeches school but is spending half a term with us, as a contrasting placement school. Miss Marjot is currently on placement at Hampton College but will be returning to us after half term.

The children had a really great first term in Bluebell Class and we are looking forward to the term ahead.

Mrs Sheridan, Mrs Brown and Miss McCourt

