



Summer 2024 Bluebells Class Newsletter



Dear Families,

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. We hope you all had a wonderful Easter. The children have made a super start to the new term. Below are some reminders, useful information and an overview of the learning for Summer 2024.

Staff

Teachers: Mrs Gaskell (Monday) and Miss Maddocks (Tuesday to Friday)

Teaching Assistants across Lower Key Stage Two: Miss Goodwin, Mrs Harding, Miss Tennant, Mrs Hart, Mrs Jones and Mrs Dillon

General Information

- All equipment needed for lessons will be provided (pens, pencils, felt tips etc.) so there is no need for individual pencil cases.
- Morning snack will be available to purchase or children can bring their own **healthy** snack, ideally fruit.
- Individual reading books should be brought into school every day. Reading records should also be brought in every day and will be reviewed every two weeks.
- Your child will need a named water bottle in school each day. Please could we ask that only water is brought into school, rather than juice.
- The brass concert will be on July 5th at 10 a.m. All parents welcome.
- Our class trip to the Anderton Boat Lift will Monday 13th May for Year 4, and Tuesday 14th May for Year 3.

PE

On your child's PE day, they should come to school in their kit and remain in it for the whole day. Our **PE kit is red school logo PE shirt/plain red t-shirt, black shorts/joggers and pumps/trainers**. Our usual days for PE this term will be Monday and Wednesday.

Homework

- Reading – please read at home as often as possible and complete the reading record including how many pages they have read. Your child will either have a reading scheme book or a book of their choice, if they are a free-reader
- Maths homework – a weekly/fortnightly task will be posted onto the class Homework page of the website, set on MyMaths or sent home each Wednesday. This will usually be an online task, a game or a times table activity
- There is also a menu of termly optional homework tasks on the class web pages. All activities are linked to our learning in class so it's a great way for your child to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the subjects we're covering. Please encourage your child to complete these tasks and they can bring in their work to celebrate on a Wednesday. Alternatively, you can email me any work they have produced at home if this is easier

Mystery readers

Mystery reader is continuing in Lower Key Stage 2. Family members are invited to read a story to each of our LKS2 classes on a Friday afternoon. This is an exciting opportunity for you to come in and share a love of reading with the children. Please let the office know if you would like a slot.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. Please contact the office via admin@tarporleyce.cheshire.sch.uk to arrange a time for a phone call or a meeting.

A big thank you for your continued support,
Helen Maddocks and Jo Gaskell

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Curriculum



English

We have a books-based approach to the teaching of writing and we choose books that will inspire, entertain and excite our children. We ask that you don't read these books in advance as it's lovely to discover them together. It's also important that we can develop their prediction skills which is difficult if they already know the book!

Core text for summer 1: *Amazing Rivers* by Julie Vosburgh Agnone which we'll use to develop our persuasive writing skills

Core text for summer 2: *Zeraffa Giraffa* by Dianne Hofmeyr which we'll use to develop our persuasive writing skills

In Guided Reading, we'll be exploring the nonfiction text *Amazing Rivers*, and in the second half of the summer term, we'll read the fantasy story *Egyptian Cinderella* by Shirley Climo.

Maths

Decimals

Money

Measurement

Statistics

Time

Religious Education – Christianity

Answering the Big Questions *How did Jesus teach about God and values through parables?* and *what is my point of view of God and why do people have faith?* will be the focus of our learning this term.

Science – Animals including humans – food, skeleton and muscles (Summer 1)

We'll learn about the types and amount of nutrition that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

Science – Plants (Summer 2)

In this unit of work, we will be learning about the different parts of the flowering plant, investigating how water is transported within plants and explore the life cycle of plants.

Geography

Our theme this term is *What are rivers and how are they used?* We'll focus on physical geography of the UK and use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of rivers and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment on our trip to Anderton Boat Lift!

History

Our theme this term is *What did the Ancient Egyptians believe?* We'll be focusing on the achievements of the earliest civilizations and the legacy of Greek culture.

Art and Design

Our artwork will be focusing on Sculpture, Structure, Inventiveness & Determination. We will use a variety of drawing materials to make experimental drawings based upon observation.

Design and Technology

Levers will be our focus this term. We will explore different types of levers and how they work. Our final outcome will be to then design and make our very own levers.

Computing

Pupils will be developing their coding skills this term and then looking at graphs, linked to maths.

How you can support at home...

- While we request that you avoid the core English texts (so we don't get any spoilers!), any reading or further research you can support your child with, which we call pre-learning, will be of huge benefit. We'd almost always favour the local library over online research, but any additional learning linked to any of our topics would be great.
- Supporting your child with their quick recall of multiplication and related division facts will make so many areas of maths easier and will stand them in good stead for the next stage of their learning. Pupils have to know all facts to 12x12 by the end of Year 4. There are links to games and activities on our class pages to support with this.
- All the activities on the optional homework menu (which you can download from our class pages) link with the learning taking place during the summer term. We'd recommend encouraging your child to choose from the menu — the activities can be done in any order and at any point during the term — so they have opportunities to deepen their understanding and practise their skills.