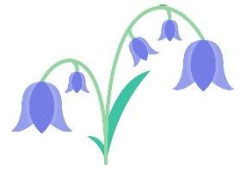




SUMMER 2025 Bluebell Class Newsletter



Dear families,

Welcome to our summer newsletter! Below are some reminders, useful information and an overview of our learning for the summer term.

Staff

Teachers: Miss Maddocks (Monday to Thursday), Mrs Jones (Friday)

Teaching Assistants across Lower Key Stage Two: Mrs Hart, Mrs Jones, Mrs Hamlett, Mrs Casson, Mrs Dillon and Mrs Curwen

General Information

- All equipment needed for lessons will be provided (pens, pencils, felt tips etc.) so there is no need for individual pencil cases to be brought in
- 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 weekly by a teacher. When a pupil **completes 5 reads each week** they will receive a raffle ticket
- 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 or squash

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. Football kit should not be worn.** Our usual days for PE this term will be **Monday and Thursday**. If this changes, we will message you.

Expected Homework

- **Reading** – please read at home as often as possible. Your child will either have a reading book from a scheme or a book of their choice, if they are a free-reader. We will be checking their reading records weekly so please encourage your child to read as much as possible and as widely as possible at home
- **Maths homework** – a weekly/fortnightly task will be posted onto the class Homework page of the website, set on Classroom Secrets Kids or sent home each Wednesday. This will usually be an online task, a game or a times table activity
- The children are making super progress with learning their times tables and many have been enjoying using the fun TT Rockstars game at <https://trockstars.com/> It is vital that they continue to build on their knowledge and speed with times tables. In the summer term every child in Year 4 will be taking the statutory multiplication tables test, so please continue to encourage your child to practise whenever they can; little and often is an ideal way to embed the work they are doing in class

Optional homework

- 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 us a photo of their learning to share in class on a Wednesday

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. We can't wait to see what our brilliant Bluebells achieve this term!

A big thank you for your continued support.

Helen Maddocks and Hannah Jones

SUMMER 2025 Bluebells Years 3 and 4 Curriculum Overview

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: *Blue John* by Berlie Doherty. Fiction: write a letter that includes an explanation

Core text for summer 2: *A Stage Full of Shakespeare Stories* by Angela McAllister (Julius Caesar), Fiction: write a playscript for a part of the story

In **Guided Reading**, we'll be exploring *A Myth-Hunter's Travel Guide* by The Literacy Company, and in summer 2, we'll read more of *A Stage Full of Shakespeare Stories* by Angela McAllister

Maths

Decimals and Money, Shape, Position and Direction, Statistics, Measure (Time, Length, Perimeter, Weight and Capacity)

Religious Education

Christianity: What is my point of view about God and why do people have faith?

Islam: What do Muslims believe happened on 'The Night of Power' and how do they worship?

Science

Learning will focus on animals including humans where we'll learn all about digestion, teeth and food chains before focussing on states of matter where we'll explore solids, liquids and gases

Geography – Are all settlements the same?

In this unit, we'll focus on different types of settlements around the UK and around the world, identify land use and identify the human and physical features in our local area

History – How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain?

Our learning will look at the causes and consequences of the Anglo-Saxon and Scots invasion of Britain and explore a range of sources to deepen our understanding of this period

Art and Design – Telling Stories Through Making

In art and design, pupils will explore how artists are inspired by other art forms – in this case how we make sculpture inspired by literature and film

Design and Technology

Our D&T learning will look at designing and making a fabric purse or wallet to sell in a gift shop. We'll link this with our learning in English where we will be reading the story *Blue John* which is based on the Blue John Caverns in Derbyshire

Computing

We will be learning to use a graphing tool where we'll enter data into graphing software and answer questions. We will then solve an investigation and present the results in graphic form. Children will also learn to touch type. Children learn about the importance of

posture when typing and they are introduced to finger positions in relation to key areas of the keyboard

PE

Sports Day is planned for 2nd May so we will be practising for our athletics events in our PE lessons. During the second half term we will be learning cricket with an external coach

French

We'll be reading *Petit Chaperon Rouge* (Little Red Riding Hood) and will focus on listening skills to pick out key words and phrases from the story

Music

Year 4 pupils will all receive clarinet lessons this term culminating in a performance to families while Year 3 pupils will be learning the recorder

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 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 this 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