



Subject Overviews

The Bluebells Team

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are looking forward to continuing our hard work and would like to thank you for your ongoing support. Please find a brief overview of our Spring term curriculum. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In Bluebells, we love our iPads; and enjoy the Number Blocks, Alpha Blocks and Cbeebies apps. These are all free, so please feel free to download them to provide consistency for your children.

English

In writing this term, we will be teaching 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' through sensory activities, which allow children to participate in and to help promote their excitement and engagement for reading and writing. We will be encouraging children to improve their handwriting by focusing on their fine-motor skills, letter formation and sentence structure. Our English lessons use the Talk4Writing process and the use of Colourful Semantics and Sensory Stories.

How you can help: encourage your child to listen to a story with you and try asking your child to point out simple things within the text. For example, can you show me the girl? Where is the red apple? Read your child a range of stories to support them in becoming better writers and readers. Work on fine motor activities, mark making and handwriting.

Maths

We will be working on different number skills, this includes recognising numbers and representing these in different ways, counting to and from a given number with the use of concrete materials. We will also learn about measurements, position and shapes by working on recognising shapes and starting to use language of size.



How you can help: Please help by encouraging your children by pointing out numbers everywhere you go. Also, think about the language you use around numbers and objects. We will be building on our vocabulary in these areas specifically.

Science

The children will be focusing their science work on our topic of 'Brilliant Builders' and 'Growing Things' this term. In this unit, we will be learning about a range of skills, e.g. stacking, lifting and balancing to build and construct with the use of different materials. We will also investigate the plants and gardening and carry out some fun experiments to do so.

How you can help: Have discussions and games with your child around the human body, for example, singing head, shoulders, knees and toes. Can you use technology to take a picture of the seasons changing? Can you build a snowman?

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This term, we will be learning about 'The Titanic' and 'Easter' in Humanities.

In expressive art and design, we will be learning to explore media and materials; through imitating actions observed. We will also be learning to use various tools and techniques competently. All our work in these areas will link to our topics.

In Bluebells, we focus on life skills throughout the academic year, which includes a heavy focus on speech, language, and communication and how to keep ourselves safe.

Our topics will support the learning in a range of curriculum areas including sensory & physical development, humanities, technology, managing feelings & behaviour, health & self-care, listening & attention understanding and making relationships.



How you can help: We would love to see artwork based around our topic; some worksheets will be provided in homework books for inspiration! Please play turn taking games to support your child with their communication skills. If you require any communication boards, please get in contact. Mrs. Ongai loves to see what you get up to, so please take pictures of your child's learning journey at home.

If you would like extra things for your child to do to support your child's learning, please visit: www.j2e.com or www.thinkuknow.co.uk