



## Bluebirds Class Newsletter – Spring Term 3

Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a magical Christmas and are ready for lots more fun and achievements this year. We are very much looking forward to Spring term and carrying on the great learning from the Autumn term. We are pleased with how well the children have settled in and the progress they are already making. We can't wait to see how much they will continue to learn this term!

### RE

This term's overarching question is – What is the good news that Jesus brings? We will be learning that at the heart of the Christian Gospel is the message of love. To Christians, Jesus demonstrates God's love for all people.

### Computing

This term we will be looking at:  
**Creating media Digital Painting**

Children will explore, investigate and learn how:

To describe what different freehand tools do.

To use the shape tool and the line tools.

To make careful choices when painting a digital picture.

To explain why I chose the tools I used.

To use a computer on my own to paint a picture.

To compare painting a picture on a computer and on paper



### English

We will be continuing to follow the Jane Considine approach and will be starting the terms unit with a persuasive leaflet by looking at a non-fiction text – Ice Planet Adventure Park by Jane Considine. We will then follow this with a fiction text called Wombat goes Walkabout by Michael Morpurgo.

We will also continue to use ReadWriteInc as our phonics programme to help support your child's reading and writing.

Children are also encouraged to read at home on a daily basis either, independently, to or with an adult. These times spent shared reading will provide your child with an enjoyable experience that gets them excited about reading. Reading can be recorded in their reading records.

### Science

**This term we will commence our learning of the unit Animals including humans. We will:**



Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets).

### Geography

This term, with a focus on the Poles and the Equator children will identify at a simple level some of the key features of different climate zones and weather by using geographical photographs and build on their vocabulary.

They will learn about the different locations of the cold areas of the world, and some distinctive characteristics of the Polar Regions (Arctic and Antarctic). Children will be able to identify the location and key features of the equatorial region as well begin to understand the impact of physical features on human life in a country on the equator.

### Maths



This term the children will be undertaking their learning in place value within 20.

We will continue to follow the NCTEM Maths Mastery sessions daily.

### PE

PE lessons in Year 1 take place on **Monday** and **Friday** afternoons. Please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school. This term the children will experience Gymnastics and Invasion Games.



### ART

Children will be looking at some local artist's work. They will understand and study the artist's methods, take in the variety of their works, and value the effect they have on the community.