



Bluebirds Class Newsletter – Autumn Term 2

Term 2

Welcome back to another exciting term in Year 1! We hope you had a lovely break and were able to make the most of the autumnal weather. I look forward to meeting with you at parents evening this term to share the progress that your child has made. As we move from Autumn into Winter, please make sure that your child brings a named coat to school each day so that they can enjoy the fresh air at break time and lunchtime. If your child also has gloves, a scarf and hat, please ensure these are named too. Many thanks for your support – Miss Conner

RE

This terms overarching questions is - Why does Christmas matter to Christians? We will be learning about how Christians celebrate Jesus' birth, being able to give an account of the story of Jesus' birth and why Jesus is important for Christians and to be able to give examples of ways in which Christians use the story of the nativity to guide their beliefs and actions at Christmas.



English

We will be continuing to follow the Jane Considine approach and will be looking at a fiction text - *The Way Back Home* by Oliver Jeffers and nonfiction text - *Firework Night* by Jane Considine

We will be understanding the features of a book and use these to help understand what it is about, spell the days of the week with support and Write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and common exception words taught so far.

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 or to an adult. Reading can be recorded in their reading records.

Maths

This term the children will be learning number bonds to 10, addition and subtraction

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



PE

PE lessons in Year 1 take place on **Monday** and **Thursday** afternoons. Please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school. This term the children will explore the fundamental skills of balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping. The children will be given opportunities to identify areas of strength and areas for improvement. They will work collaboratively with others, taking turns and sharing ideas.

PSHE

This term we will be learning about ways to manage emotions, Handwashing and personal hygiene and the importance of sleep.



Science

This term we will continue learning about materials we will be exploring what an object is made from, know what a property of a material is and sort materials based on their properties. We will be conducting experiments to extend our scientific knowledge.



History

This term we will be learning about how has the life of a child changed? In this unit children will compare the lives of their parents and grandparents with their own lives. Children will develop an understanding of how domestic life, clothes, transport, communication methods, toys and books, food and music have changed over time. Children will begin to appreciate how different life was in the past and imagine how it might change in the future



DT

The Children will develop their understanding of mechanisms by experimenting, designing, constructing and testing their own slider and level mechanism. The Children will learn about the direction of movements and explore the mechanisms required to make these work, by creating examples of side-to-side sliders and up-and-down sliders from templates