



Suffolks Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter

Reception - Bluebells

SUMMER 2024

Understanding the World



We will look at:
the **seasons** – signs of Summer – weather, clothing, plants.
Explore the seaside now and in the past.
Discuss modes of **transport**. How do they get to school, get to a holiday venue?
Explore the differences between **land and water**.
Encourage the children to make simple comparisons. Materials: Floating / Sinking – boat building.
Talk about the **lives of the people** around us and their roles in society.
Know some similarities and differences between things in the **past and now**.
Go on a trip to our local park (to link with seasons); discuss what we will see on our journey to the park and how we will get there.

Expressive Arts

We will continue to explore a variety of media and techniques around **drawing, printing, colour mixing, collage and construction**.
We will be making sand pictures, Rainbow fish collages and paper plate jellyfish.
Children will design their own beach hut.
We will **perform** our own Puppet shows
A range of props will be provided for play which encourage imagination, e.g. under the sea role play, a seaside scene in a tough tray.
We will be learning some new songs around our themes and **creating our own music**.
We will be exploring the **basic skills of a camera** to take our own photos to illustrate stories and moods.



Our key artist this term is **Kandinsky**.

English

We will be **writing for a purpose** in role play using phonetically plausible attempts at words. We will be working on the **formation of lower-case and capital letters** and developing simple story writing. We will work on sentence writing using **tricky words, finger spaces and full stops**.

We will be writing postcards and letters.
Children will be working towards becoming independent writers.

We will be reading a variety of texts and using our **phonics knowledge** to read captions and simple texts. We will also look at rhyming words.

We will be reading **fiction and non-fiction books**. We will discuss characters and events and use them as a model for our own stories.

Communication & Language

We will be developing our **responses to more complex questions** about what we have heard or read - **Why? How? What if?**

We will be using skills of **inference and prediction** and talking about non-fiction books developing new knowledge and vocabulary.



Maths

In maths, we will be learning a variety of concepts around numbers to **10, 20 and beyond**.

We will be learning how to **add and subtract** building up to using 2 digit numbers.

We will learn about **doubling** numbers and amounts along with **sharing and grouping**.

We will be learning to identify **odd and even numbers** and making number patterns.



We are hoping to have a '**number cafe**' this term. More information to follow.



Physical Development

We will continue to build up our **fine and gross motor muscles** to help us with our writing and outdoor physical activities.

In PE we will be developing ball skills further - **aiming, dribbling, pushing, throwing & catching, patting, or kicking** and will be taking part in games such as **team games, races, obstacle courses**.

Class News

Reading - We will be continuing with our daily **Phonics** sessions and will now be moving onto **Set 3 sounds and more tricky words**. Book changing day is **Thursday** but **please ensure your child brings in their book bag everyday** and **completed reading diary weekly**. Smiley face stamps and certificates will be given for regular reading.

PE day - every Monday. Children should come into school wearing their PE kit (red t-shirt and black shorts/ tracksuit bottoms and trainers) on this day. No change of clothes is needed.

PSED

These sessions will be linked to our Jigsaw scheme using our class puppets, '**Jack**' and '**Jerry the Cat**.'

This term we will be focusing on '**Relationships**' and '**Changing Me**.' We will have some discussions and stories around our community, cultures and beliefs.

Important Reminders - Please.....

- Sign up and Log on to **Google Classroom & Marvellous Me**.
- **Please ensure weekly homework is completed**.
- **Everyday is READING DAY** so please make sure book bags are in school everyday. Ensure Reading Diaries are filled in 3 times a week.

Useful sites

Shows and interactive games - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>

Maths - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

Bedtime stories -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b00jdlm2/cbeebies-bedtime-stories>

Google Classroom - <https://classroom.google.com/>



