



Bluebell Class Newsletter

January 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope you have had a lovely, relaxing Christmas and New Year. It is lovely to welcome the children back.

Our theme this half term is "What's that sound?" Is it loud? Or is it quiet? We will explore these questions and more in this project about sounds and music. Please see the curriculum topic web for more information.

Snack

Snack money is **£6** for this half term, if you could please pay for the whole half term rather than every week to limit our contact with money. Please place in a named envelope. This pays for a morning snack in addition to fruit and also pays for those extra baking and cooking activities the children love - just look what we made last term!



EExAT

All children have an online learning journal on EExAT. Please do take time to look at this with them regularly and add comments.

Reminders

Can we please ask that the children bring in their bookbags and reading books every day.

Our new timetable means we will be starting the day with our daily phonics session at 9am. Our doors open from 8.45am so please ensure children are arriving in plenty of time to come inside, wash their hands and settle straight into their learning time. We learn a new sound at the beginning of every session so this is a really important part of their day.

Homework

Homework for each half term will be added to the class page. An overview of what we have been learning in each week in phonics will be uploaded every Friday. Please do continue to practise the suggested activities. Phonics flash cards will be sent home to support the phonics homework. Number cards to 20 have are also coming home. We have been working really hard learning to recognise, write and match numbers 0-10 to objects. We would really like you to consolidate this learning at home as we begin focussing on numbers up to 20. Children need to notice that numbers are an essential part of their

life, learning numbers then becomes more meaningful. Practical activities are a really great way to consolidate what we are learning such as setting the right number of places at the dinner table.

Home Learning

Phonics

Should anyone need to self-isolate please follow the phonics plan as referred to above to teach the new letter sounds.

Maths

Home learning for maths can be found at:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/early-years/>

Alive in 5! Week 1 = w/c 4.1.21

Week 2 = w/c 11.1.21 and so on.....

Topic

Please use the topic home learning booklets sent home in red folders for this purpose.



We thought you might like to see our class display of our "Pizza Parlour" where we learnt about the properties of common 2D shapes.

As ever if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Allan and Mrs Kennett via the class email bluebell@st-james.derbyshire.sch.uk