

Blue Class Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to Term 3. We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and we'd like to thank you for the many thoughtful cards and presents we received for Christmas. We are looking forward to hearing about the children's holiday traditions as we settle back into the school routine next week.

The theme this term is '**Winter Wonderland**'. We will be learning about the changes that occur during the winter months, as well as using poetry and art to explore the season in more expressive ways.

We will begin to think about winter through a variety of fun and creative 'Stunning Start' activities. We are particularly looking forward to using different painting techniques to create winter themed scenes. We will also be creating our own snowflakes and snowmen using paper and cotton wool.

Our Literacy this term we be focusing on poetry. We will scaffold the children's learning using a variety of techniques, supporting them to write their own wintery poems. With a particular focus on adjectives, we hope to produce some descriptive pieces.

This term in Maths we will be focusing on counting in jumps of 2s, 5s and 10s, ordering events and finding fractions of numbers.

In Science we will be learning about the different seasons and will begin to observe changes that occur throughout the year. We are particularly looking forward to creating our own anemometer which we will use to record wind patterns throughout winter. As part of work on winter we will be going on a nature walk and learning to identify trees, including deciduous and evergreen trees.

In Computing we will be exploring a variety of technology and thinking about how these are used within our everyday lives. We will be developing our photography skills by learning how to take and edit our own winter themed photos.

RE this term will continue to focus on Christian beliefs and values.

Our Art will be winter themed. We will be learning about a variety of artists and working to create our own art using their unique style.

We are looking forward to learning about healthy eating in Design and Technology this term and we will be designing, creating and tasting vegetable soup.

In History this term we will be learning about Florence Nightingale and her various achievements within medicine. We will also take the time to compare her work to that of Marie Curie.

Show and Tell will continue to be on Fridays this year and will comprise of sharing Busy Books and home learning with the class. Don't forget that children are welcome to share their extra-curricular achievements through Celebration Assembly each week. Please continue to discourage your children from bringing toys into school.



REMINDERS FOR BLUE CLASS

PE Days

PE will take place on a Monday and Thursday. Please remember to remove earrings on these days. All children need to have a named PE kit at school.

Uniform

Please continue to ensure that your child comes to school in appropriate winter clothing and that all items of clothing are named. This ensures that items are not lost or accidentally mixed up with other children's belongings, especially on PE days.

Accelerated Reader

It is wonderful that more children are beginning to use Accelerated Reader to quiz on their books. Please note that while the majority of books have a quiz available, not all do, so please do not worry if your child does not take a quiz every week. Books may be changed even if a quiz has not been taken.

Additional Support

As you know Mrs Dearing is the full time Teaching Assistant for Blue Class and we are also fortunate to benefit from the support of Mrs Savoury two mornings each week.

Christmas Fair Gift

We have bought a car mat and stencils from the money we raised on our class stall at the Christmas Fair.

End of Term Treat

Blue Class will continue to have a termly target of 20 gems to collect for a special treat. The children are extremely close to achieving their target and we will let you know more details next term.

We look forward to another term with you all.

Mrs Azzopardi, Mrs Tuft, Mrs Dearing and Mrs Savoury