



BLUEBELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn 2 2021

Happy Autumn everyone. We are now over four weeks into the half term and really pushing on with all that we want to achieve this year.

Covid:

We've had great support from you as parents in getting your children PCR tested if they have the big 3 symptoms (persistent dry cough, temperature or loss of taste and smell), and a lateral flow or PCR test if they have any of the other symptoms like sore throat, headache, tiredness. This means Covid cases in school have been kept to a minimum.

Just a reminder that school doesn't do the job of alerting you to your child being a close contact anymore. Test and Trace manages that.

Thankyou for all your support.

Important dates:

Week beginning 11th October—Year 6 INTO University project

19th and 21st—Parents Evenings (Online)

20th October—Dance show for Year 3

Friday 22nd October—Inset day (school closed)



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Enquiry Curriculum:

We have re-thought our curriculum so that the teachers are clear about what knowledge children should be learning. This is particularly for history, science and geography.

In each half term, children will be learning the knowledge that enables them to answer big questions. Our questions are inspired by our vision statement: **“Being kind to ourselves, each other and our world.”**

Our current big enquiry questions are:

Year 1— who would you invite into your castle? (This question encourages children to be inclusive).

Year 2—could you be a nurse? (This question looks at amazing nurses in history who had to be brave, like our NHS staff have been recently).

Year 3—what was important for survival in the stone age? (This question encourages children to understand how communities help each other survive.)

Year 4—would you be friends with an Anglo-Saxon? (This question encourages children to think about what we look for when we meet people for the first time).

Year 5—were the Vikings as unkind as history tells us? (This question encourages children to look at different viewpoints)

Year 6—were the Ancient Greeks kind to children? (This question asks children to think about how children are treated.)

Within every session, there is a smaller enquiry question that helps children to discover the knowledge they need to know to learn about these people or communities.

As much as possible, children’s reading texts in KS2 will be linked to their enquiry subjects. In addition, the children’s writing will be informed and inspired by their enquiry learning.

We would love for you to ask your children about what they are learning.

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School Improvement:

We are always working on making the school the best place possible for your children.

This year, the things we are working on include:

What your children will experience:

- 1) Our enquiry curriculum**
- 2) Teaching of writing**
- 3) Teaching and practise of times tables**
- 4) Pupils having targets and knowing what they need to do to get better.**
- 5) Interventions for anyone who needs some extra help with their learning.**

Things we need your help with:

- 1) Helping children stay safe online**
- 2) Improving attendance so that children are in school as much as possible.**
- 3) Nurture—helping children manage their emotions.**

Behind the scenes:

- 1) Teachers being clear about the subject knowledge for each subject.**
- 2) Teachers coaching each other to improve their practise.**
- 3) Subject leadership for the different areas of the curriculum.**
- 4) Making sure we really understand the EYFS framework.**

Thank you for all your support with this!

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Racism:

We have had a few instances of children using racist language towards others in school.

We want the children to be in a school community where there is absolutely no racism!

Last week we had an assembly with each key stage to talk about what racism was and why it is not ok. We have a wonderfully diverse school community and this is something we absolutely celebrate.

Please challenge anything you hear your child saying at home. If you would like to re-watch the video we used in school, here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LnaltG5N8nE>

Reminders:

Please return your child's immunisation form by the start of November, even if you don't want your child to have the flu vaccine.

National Child Measurement for Reception and Year 6— forms to be returned by Oct 8th.

High school applications for Year 6 - closes by October 31st.

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