

Wrens Spring Newsletter 2 2026

Dear Parents,

This termly newsletter is a chance for you to find out what your child will be learning over the next half term and therefore be able to work with us and consolidate the learning at home.

This half term we will be looking at the theme of Pirates, using our literacy text as a starting point. We will explore how pirates sailed the seas and investigate islands and countries around the world using maps and globes. We will immerse ourselves into the fantasy language connected with pirates and create our very own pirate role play area.

Alongside our pirate theme we will also be looking at the season of Spring and the Christian celebration of Easter.

We have an open door policy at Bluebell Nursery and Tilston school. Therefore, if you have any worries or concerns no matter how small, please do not hesitate to talk to a member of the staff. We are always happy to help.

Mrs Edwards and the EYFS Team

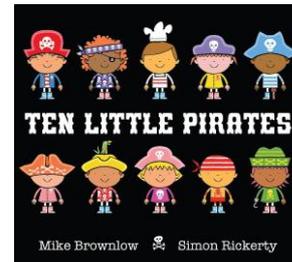
Specific texts used this half term in Literacy are:



The Pirates are Coming
By John Condon



The Pirates Next Door
by Jonny Duddle



Ten Little Pirates
by Mike Brownlow

In Literacy, we will be:

Reading: • Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words • Read some letter groups that each represent one sound and say sounds for them • Read a few common exception words matched to the school's phonic programme

Writing: • Form lower-case letters and some capital letters correctly • Write short sentences with words with known sound-letter correspondences • Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s • Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense

Maths

In our setting we follow the White Rose Scheme for mathematics. This term we will be:

Spring 2

Exploring length, height and time

Introducing 9 and 10

Comparing numbers to 10

Number bonds to 10

Exploring odd and even

Doubles to 10

Exploring 3d shape

Copy and continue more complex patterns

Expressive Arts and Design

Creating with materials:

Design a pirate flag

Make a pirate hat and eye patch

Create their own treasure maps

Using shells and coins to make patterns

Make a telescope

Design and build a pirate ship using the large blocks

Kapow art scheme: flower designs, egg threading and Easter crafts

Being imaginative and Expressive

Charanga music scheme- Amazing animals

Learn some sea shanties and pirate themed songs

Pirate role play area

Using pirate themed small world

Physical Development

Gross Motor Skills

PE – Athletics, Pirate fitness

Set up obstacle courses to develop physical skills

Fine Motor Skills

Finger gym activities threading, snipping, use of tweezers, pinching, hammering

Daily handwriting lesson to enhance fluency.

Dressing and undressing for PE

Opportunities for using knives to cut, spread and chop

Understanding of the World

Past and Present

Compare ships of the past to the present day

Discuss pirates in the past, what they wore and their life

Why did pirates use maps?

People, Culture and Communities

Explore the globe and world map to identify different countries around the world

Talk about countries children have visited

Investigate a compass

Participating in RE lessons on the theme of Special times including Easter

The Natural World

Understand the season of Spring and explore growing plants and vegetables from seed

Explore magnetic and non magnetic materials

Explore forces eg wind and how sailing ships moved on water, push and pull

Talk about natural treasures found in the outdoors

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Self Regulation

Explore situations from different points of view and talk about how others maybe feeling.

Managing Self

understand class rules and remember them without prompts

Develop a sense of responsibility through different monitor roles in the classroom

Help children to set own goals and achieve them

Embed routines such as washing hands, snack time, lunchtime

undress and dress themselves before and after PE and when dressing up

support children to become resilient and persevere in the face of challenge

Show confidence to try new activities and show independence through activities

Building relationships

Explain why we take turns, wait politely and tidy up after ourselves

Opportunities to develop friendships through show and tell, group games and discussions

Opportunities to spend time with buddies and other classes in school

Show more confidence in new social situations with visits from people in the local community.

Library Time

Come and read a book with your child and help them to choose a library book to take home. This will happen every Thursday afternoon. Toddlers, grannies and grandads welcome.

Home/School Contact

Please remember to keep sending your photos and comments to add to your child's learning journey using our 2 build a profile software.

We will send you photos and comments of what we have been doing in class too. Also please keep a look out on the school website for weekly updates on the children's learning.

P.E.

PE this term will take place on **Tuesday and Friday**. Please make sure that your child's PE kit is in school for that day.

Stay and Play Sessions

We are delighted to invite you all to our stay and play sessions. You will have the opportunity of bringing your child to school and staying for the morning to play with your child as they learn. It will also give you time to get to know other parents and we will even supply tea, coffee and biscuits! These sessions will take place once a month. Toddlers are welcome. Please make note of the dates and times below:

Wednesday 25th February – 8.55am-11.00am

Monday 23rd March – 8.55am – 11.00 am

