

Nursery 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:



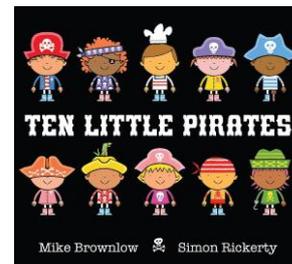
The Pirates are Coming

By John Condon



The Pirates Next Door

by Jonny Duddle



Ten Little Pirates

by Mike Brownlow

In Literacy, we will be:

Communication and Language: Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens. Develop their communication skills. Sing a large repertoire of songs

Reading: Develop their phonological awareness so that they can spot and suggest rhymes, count or clap syllables in a word, recognise words with the same initials sound, such as money and mother.

Writing: Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing. Write some or all of their name.

Maths

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

Spring 2

Take and give 1,2,3

Subitising to 3 and beyond

Matching shapes

Talk about arrangements of shapes

Follow simple routes outside

Comparing and sorting of objects

Explore repeating patterns in art

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 dough disco to support early writing skills

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

People, Culture and Communities

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

Talk about countries children have visited

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

The Natural World

Our school follow the White Rose Science Scheme. Themes this half term are:

Watch it Grow: Children explore the seasonal changes that happen in spring, such as plants, flowers and animals growing. Children will plant and care for seeds, beans and vegetables, understanding what these need to grow. They will observe these grow and change over time, and learn that some take longer to grow than others.

Animal Detectives: Children explore and sort animals based on their simple features. Children will be introduced to vocabulary which will support them to name key features and group animals.

Pushes and Pulls: Children explore simple forces for the first time. Children should describe forces as 'pushes' and 'pulls'. Children explore how objects move on different surfaces such as ramps. Children will explore a range of magnets from everyday life such as fridge magnets, magnetic toys and magnetic construction toys. They will be encouraged to explore attraction and repulsion in the simple form and language of pushes and pulls. Children will also have the opportunity to explore cause-and-effect toys and investigate what happens when they push and pull them.

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

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. This should consist of leggings or jogging bottoms, t shirt , sweatshirt top for when outdoors and pair of trainers or plimsolls.

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

