



Sunnyfields Primary School

Bluebell class newsletter Autumn Term 1 2026

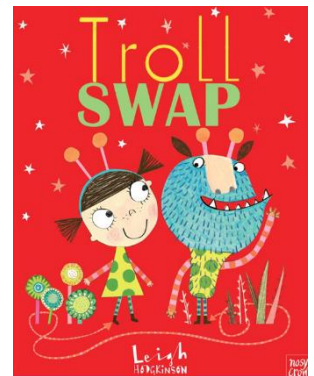
A very warm welcome to Year 1! I am so excited to begin this new chapter of your child's learning journey and can't wait to see all the wonderful things they will achieve this year. Please remember we are here to support you and your child every step of the way. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning or well-being, please do not hesitate to speak with me before or after school, or send me a message on Class Dojo.

Kind regards, Mrs Bradford 😊

English

We will be reading the book 'Troll Swap' by Leigh Hodgkinson this half term. The children will write a story based upon Troll Swap using a different character.

We will combine words to make sentences, begin to use capital letters and full stops and use capital letters for names of people, places, and the pronoun 'I'.



Maths

In mathematics, we will focus on place value within 10, which includes counting both forwards and backwards, 1 more and 1 less, and comparing and ordering numbers. We will use mathematical language such as fewer, more and the same as well as less than, greater than and equal to.

We will also begin addition and subtraction, using number lines, part whole models and lots of resources to support our understanding.



Reading

We will be handing out reading books over the course of the first week and children will also receive a reading diary. Please continue to listen to your child read 3 times a week and sign their planner so they can receive their 'Reading at home' dojo.





PE

The children will be doing Ball Skills outdoors with Mrs Atkinson on **Thursday** mornings. We will also have PE on **Tuesday** afternoons this half term, and we will be focusing on dance.

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their pe kits on these days. A reminder that PE kits should be non-branded items that conform to the school's colours (red, black, white or grey).

The wider curriculum

In geography, we will explore the topic 'Why is our World Wonderful? We will explore the geography of the UK and the wider world by identifying key features of the UK, naming the oceans and locating them on a world map.

In art and design, the children will focus on drawing and understanding tone and texture. We will explore how different artists use tone and texture and apply these skills in some observational drawings of our own.

Our science this half term focusses on living things and their habitats. We will identify what living things need to survive by exploring the life processes shared by all living things.

In music, we will be learning about call and response linked to the theme animals. We will develop rhythm and pulse through chanting call-and-response sound patterns and performing with untuned percussion instruments.

In RE the children will be learning about how and why people pray. In PSHE the theme is 'Being Me', where children will develop an understanding of their rights and responsibilities, learn about choices and consequences and reflect on personal growth.

Finally, the children will learn all about online safety in computing.

Dates for your diary

Friday 11th September – Online safety day

Friday 18th September – Individual school photos

Thursday 24th September – Parent's phonics workshop

Friday 2nd October – Macmillan Coffee Morning

Wednesday 7th October – Parent's evening

Friday 23rd October – Break up for Half term