

# NEWSLETTER

## for Blackwell First School- Red Class



**At Blackwell First School we aim to educate the whole child and to ensure children are happy, healthy and fulfil their potential in terms of development of skills for life, social and moral values and academic success.**

Welcome to Red Class! We look forward to working with you this year. Our half termly newsletters outline key learning and information. Our school website is also regularly updated with class and school messages. Please visit our class page: [www.blackwellfirstschool.com](http://www.blackwellfirstschool.com). The 'Friday Fanfare' celebrates the children's weekly achievements and outlines learning for the following week. You can find the fanfare by clicking on 'class news' and then the red boot.

### HOME READING

Daily reading has a significant impact on reading progress. Picture books help to build confidence and develop essential skills for later reading, such as using picture clues to read unfamiliar words. We want the children to see themselves as 'readers' from the very beginning of their journey and picture books play an important part in this process.

Please encourage and show your child how to read the story using the pictures and introduce story language i.e. One day.... Encourage them to turn the pages and spend time talking about the story events and characters. Return to the book several times and invite your child to tell the story. Remember to change your traffic light to green for a new book but try to keep your book for at least two days.

On Friday, the children will find a small blue book in their book bag to help them to practise their letter sounds and actions. The children should draw pictures to match each sound i.e. snake for 's'.



### ALL ABOUT ME

This half term our topic is 'All about Me' and our project is to create a class display.

#### Communication and Language/Literacy

- \*Take turns to speak and listen.
- \*Speak in full sentences.
- \*Listen to and join in with songs, stories and rhymes.
- \*Practise letter sounds and actions (s,a,t,p,i,n)
- \*Begin to blend and segment CVC words i.e. tap, pin.
- \*Explore and identify rhyming words.

#### Mathematics

- \*Use number names in counting rhymes, songs and stories.
- \*Develop basic counting skills.
- \*Develop an understanding of number and mathematical concepts through concrete resources e.g. cubes in egg boxes or stones in a large ten frame.

#### Physical Development

- \*Travel, balance and move into space
- \*Develop fine motor control through our music, movement and mark making sessions (Write Dance and Dough Dance).

#### Topic

- \*Talk about personal history, begin to ask questions and find out about the past.
- \*Find and play a pulse and sing nursery rhymes and songs.
- \*Find out about class rules and learn about people who help us and keep us safe.

### FOREST SCHOOL



The children will visit Forest School every Friday morning, starting Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October. The children should wear jogging bottoms (black or navy please) and trainers to school with their Blackwell top. Waterproof coats and trousers will be provided by school, but the children will need a pair of named wellies, thick socks and a warm hat and gloves for those chilly mornings!

### BITS AND PIECES

- ❖ PE takes place every Monday in the school hall. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed for multi skills.
- ❖ Water bottles will be filled and emptied at school.
- ❖ Healthy snacks can be purchased from the tuck shop for 30p or alternatively bring one healthy snack from home.
- ❖ Keep a spare pair of socks in your book bag so you can change them after outdoor play, if necessary.

### HAPPY TO HELP

We are always happy to help in Red Class. Daily messages can be given to Mrs Moss in the morning or to Mrs Reid or myself at the end of the day. I look forward to seeing you at our settling-in meetings. Remember, we're here to help!

**Best wishes Mrs Webb, Mrs Reid and Mrs Cain**