

# NEWSLETTER

## for Blackwell First School- Red Class



A wonderful first half term...



**Welcome back!** I hope you've had a lovely holiday and you're ready for another busy half term in school! During our first topic, we're learning about Spain as **Blackwell Bear Travels** before preparing for Christmas.

### AFTERNOON CLUBS

**Monday:** Smart Moves and Story

**Tuesday:** Construction and Rhymes and Songs

**Wednesday:** Fine Motor and Playground Games

**Thursday:** Craft and Yoga

**Friday:** Big Art and Film

### BITS AND PIECES

- ❖ PE takes place every Monday in the school hall. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed ready for **dance**.
- ❖ If you have any junk we would be very keen to use it in our workshop. We're looking for cereal boxes, cardboard tubes, bottle tops, ribbon and wool.

### FOREST SCHOOL

Now the weather is growing colder, please pack a warm hat, gloves and a pair of thick socks. Also, please name all shoes and trainers as we have a few children with identical trainers and sizes.



### Welcome Back Miss Davis

Miss Davis is a trainee teacher working with our teaching school. She will spend this half term getting to know the children and work alongside Mrs Webb to teach small groups and whole class sessions.

### BLACKWELL BEAR TRAVELS

This half term our main topic is 'Blackwell Bear Travels'. Our project is to prepare for a world showcase event in the hall where the children will share their learning about Spain.

#### Communication and Language/Literacy

- \*Take turns to speak and listen.
- \*Speak in full sentences.
- \*Listen to and retell the story of 'The Enormous Paella'.
- \*Practise letter sounds and actions e.g. j, v, w, x.
- \*Continue to blend and segment CVC words i.e. jam, wax
- \*Read phrases and simple sentences.

#### Mathematics

- \*Continue to develop basic counting skills.
- \*Continue to develop number sense by using concrete apparatus e.g. egg boxes, cubes, counters and Numicon.
- \*Develop an understanding of the concepts of more, less and same.
- \*Find, name and describe 3D shapes.

#### Physical Development

- \*Copy, create and refine motifs in dance.
- \*Develop fine motor control through our music, movement and mark making sessions (Write Dance and Dough Dance).
- \*Continue to use an efficient tripod grip and write name.
- \*Wake and Shake- S Club 7 - Don't Stop Movin'

#### Topic

- \*Find out about Spain and compare a Spanish village to Blackwell.
- \*Design and make Spanish cakes.
- \*Find out about 'faith' and what this means.
- \*Listen to, copy and create simple rhythms and learn songs for our Christmas production.
- \*Find out how to be a good friend.

### KEYWORDS

Last half term, we focused on the following keywords: **I, the, to, into, and, no, go**. This half term, we will learn to read **he, she, me, we, be, was, my** by playing daily keyword games. Each week, we will recap previously taught keywords and introduce new words from the list above.

Daily messages can be given to Miss Townsend in the morning or to Mrs Reid or myself at the end of the day. We're happy to help! Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Webb, Mrs Reid, Mrs Cain and Miss Davis.