

# 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 the following weeks' learning. 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 so picture books play an important part.

Please encourage and show your child how to read the story by 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.

The children will soon receive their first set of keywords. Use the keyword games sheet (on the reverse of this newsletter) to practise the keywords at home. New keyword lists will be sent home when your child can read the words at school.

Each week you will receive a new set of letter sounds. Practise the sounds and actions and then ask your child to draw pictures to match each sound in their book i.e. snake for 's'.



### ALL ABOUT ME

This half term our topic is 'All about Me' and our project is to design a mini scarecrow for our Scarecrow Festival on 29.9.17. We will be learning to:

#### 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. sat, tin
- \*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 experiences i.e. finding 1 more using objects in an egg box.

#### 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

- \*Closely observe and draw lines, patterns and shapes.
- \*Explore how to cut and join materials.
- \*Talk about personal history, order life events and create a personal timeline.
- \*Find and play a pulse and sing nursery rhymes and songs.
- \*Find out about important people in our school and the UK i.e. What are the links between Mrs Moss and the Prime Minister?!

### FOREST SCHOOL

The children will visit Forest School every Friday morning, starting Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The children should wear jogging bottoms 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, spare socks, a warm hat and gloves. On very chilly days, an extra layer under their tops and trousers is essential.



### 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 cleaned, filled and emptied at school.
- ❖ Healthy snacks can be purchased from the tuck shop for 30p or alternatively bring a healthy snack from home.
- ❖ Always keep a spare pair of socks in your book bag.
- ❖ Keep your reading book for at least two days so that you can revisit the story.

### HAPPY TO HELP

We are always happy to help in Red Class. We hold a parent/teacher meeting in September so that you can share information about your child and find out about their first few days at school and later in the autumn term, we share your child's progress through their termly report and parents evening.

Daily messages can be given to Mrs Moss in the morning or to Miss Turner or myself at the end of the day. We're here to help!

**Best wishes Mrs Webb, Miss Turner and Mrs Roberts**