

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. 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'.

FOREST SCHOOL



The children will visit Forest School every Friday morning, starting Friday, 21st 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, 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 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.
- ❖ Keep a spare pair of socks in your book bag so you can change them after outdoor play, if necessary.



ALL ABOUT ME

This half term our topic is 'All about Me' and our project is to create a self-portrait for our portrait display. This display can be viewed during our open evening, Wednesday, 26th September 6pm-7.30pm.

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 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

- *Closely observe and draw lines, patterns and shapes.
- *Talk about personal history, order life events and create a personal timeline.
- *Find and play a pulse and sing nursery rhymes and songs.
- *Name and describe a range of animals and plants.
- *Find out about people who help us, both at school and in the wider world.

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, Mrs Thompson or myself at the end of the day. Thank you to our Red Class families who could 'Meet the Teacher' last week. It was lovely to find out about your little ones. We're here to help!

Best wishes Mrs Webb, Mrs Reid, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Cain and Mrs Roberts