

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Red Class



A fantastic first half term...



...learning partners



...Forest School



...delicious dinners



...outdoor learning

Welcome back! We would like to say a big THANK YOU to our Red Class families for your excellent support last half term. The children have settled well into their routines and they're trying very hard with their learning. We hope you're ready for another busy half term! Our topics this term include **Festivals Around the World** and **Christmas**. At the end of the term Year R and Year 1 will perform, 'The Nativity' at St Catherine's Church.

LEARNING PARTNERS

You might hear your child talking about their 'learning partner'. The children select a photo at random and this child becomes their learning partner who is a friend that helps them to discover, create and share learning experiences. Learning partners develop speaking, listening and thinking skills. Learning partners will be changed every topic so that the children work with different friends.

BITS AND PIECES

- ❖ PE takes place every Monday in the school hall. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed ready for dance.
- ❖ Now that the children are very speedy with their hometime routine, we're sending home water bottles every day.
- ❖ Please collect 'Happy Egg 10' egg boxes for our number work. We're collecting for Nursery too.
- ❖ Please send in 'junk' for the workshop.
- ❖ Look out for our weekly 'Friday Fanfare' on the school website.

HEALTHY SNACKS

At Blackwell we encourage the children to eat healthily so please ensure your child packs one healthy snack for the morning. Alternatively, they can purchase a healthy snack from the tuck shop. Please avoid snacks and lunchboxes containing nuts.

FOREST SCHOOL

The children will visit Forest School **every Friday morning**. On these days the children can wear jogging bottoms and trainers to school with their Blackwell top. Waterproof coats and trousers are provided by school. Please also pack a warm hat, gloves and a pair of thick socks so that we can enjoy Forest School whatever the weather!



FESTIVALS AROUND THE WORLD

This half term our topic is 'Festivals Around the World'. Our project is a whole school presentation of learning.

Communication and Language/Literacy

- *Take turns to speak and listen.
- *Speak in full sentences.
- *Pose questions.
- *Listen to and retell the story of 'The Enormous Yam'.
- *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 and Numicon.
- *Add and subtract a small number of objects.
- *Compare and measure length.

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

- *Describe and identify what places are like (focusing on the Himalayas and India).
- *Find out about and compare homes.
- *Explore different printing techniques e.g. direct prints and overprints
- *Use printing skills to create a Christmas card
- *Consider, what is a belief?
- *Listen to religious stories e.g. Buddha's Birthday
- *Think about similarities and differences between festivals
- *Find and play simple rhythms
- *Find out how to keep safe and learn about the people who help to keep us safe.

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 happy to help! I look forward to seeing you at parents evening, 6th November or 8th November.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Webb, Miss Turner and Mrs Roberts