

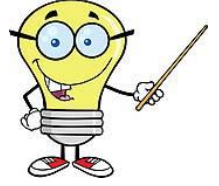
NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School - Purple Class



Welcome back...

Welcome to a brand new half term and the last half term of the year. Time has flown by and the children have learnt and changed so much. I am really impressed with the whole of the class and how they have taken on the challenges of year 2. The new challenge is our new topic – 'Build a Business'. This topic will explore what it means to be an entrepreneur and Purple Class will set up a business of its very own. ☺ The second topic of the half term is all about the farm – look out for our class assembly!



TOPIC

The main area of learning for the Build a Business topic is design technology.

Children will explore an idea for a business, come up with a name for their business and explore the existing market.

They will practise cooking skills before designing their own recipe in small groups and manufacturing their products.

Children will package their goodies to sell and advertise them too. Look out for Purple Class stall after school on Monday 25th June. The children will sell more of their products at the summer fair.

After the summer fair we will calculate how much profit we have made and see which class business has made most. The profits will be divided between school and a charity that the children choose themselves.



During this topic, Purple Class will also complete their Science learning about materials which began last term.

Ongoing areas of learning are PSHE (changes – preparing children for transition to year 3), computing (communicating), music and philosophy. Our little learners will be very busy indeed.

LITERACY

To set up our business, Purple Class will write persuasive letters to Mrs Moss to bid for funding. Depending on how well the children write, depends on the amount of funding they receive.

During this topic, children will also write persuasive adverts for their products and produce recipe cards using clear instructions.

In this last half term, children will be encouraged to apply all the writing skills taught during the year, from different punctuation, to conjunctions, to adjectives. Presentation skills will be taught for these three non-fiction text types.

Spelling strategies continue to be taught in phonics sessions and throughout literacy, and reading skills and strategies are taught throughout the curriculum.



NUMERACY

At this time of year, children will be revisiting many areas of maths and extending their existing skills across lots of different contexts.

Children will continue to use place value with 2 and 3 digit numbers and increasingly be encouraged to reason about numbers. They will think about the suitability of calculation methods for all four operations (mental and written) and will also present data by constructing their own tables, charts and graphs.



Please continue to support maths learning at home. The homework sheet outlines some mental maths objectives.

SUMMER IS HERE

Summer is here! But we do live in Britain. So check the weather forecast and if it's looking sunny, please apply the sun cream. Children do need cardigans and jumpers for forest school, so do send those in too.

PIG CORNER

Mabel and Peggy are fully settled into Blackwell life. They are now 6 months old and weigh 906g and 880g (they were around 450g when we got them). If anyone walks too slowly past the cage, they are up squeaking for a snack, even if their food bowl is full.

They've enjoyed sunbathing on the grass lately, but mostly eating it, and Mabel still prefers to sleep on the roof of her house rather than inside it.



As always, thank you for all your continued support at home. Please speak to me at the end of the day if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Miss Kuriger ☺