

# NEWSLETTER

## for Blackwell First School- Red Class



Happy New Year! Did you know that we are the current wake and shake champions? So, we're ready for a new wake and shake routine especially after eating all of those mince pies. Our first topic is all about **Traditional Tales** and we begin with a very exciting trip to Warwick Arts Centre to enjoy a performance of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. Knowledge, skills and experiences, throughout this topic, will support our class project to plan and prepare a Forest School friendship camp for bears.



### A 'BEARY' NICE START

During our introductory day, a special parcel was delivered to the classroom. The children looked carefully at the parcel. Curiously, they started to ask questions and make predictions about the contents. Slowly, we opened the box and inside we found a bear who wanted to make new friends. We predicted that he might be the bear from, "We're Going on a Bear Hunt". The bear will be helping us with our learning this half term

### HANDWRITING

This term, handwriting sessions will focus on handwriting patterns and letter formation. We will start by teaching the 'curly caterpillar' letters i.e. c, o, a, d, g, q as these letters all start with a round and back action. Later in the term, we will send home a handwriting book to support correct letter formation at home. It is essential that correct pencil grip, letter and number formation are well-established in Reception. Please pop into school if you would like any support with letter formation.

### BITS AND PIECES

- ❖ PE takes place every Monday in the school hall. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed for gymnastics.
- ❖ Please send a named water bottle into school every day.
- ❖ Please send a warm hat, gloves and a spare pair of socks into school every day for outdoor play.
- ❖ Please name every item of clothing, especially jumpers and cardigans.

### WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING?

#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

\* How to stay safe from household products and medicines.

\*Find out, 'It's good to be me.'

#### Communication and Language/Literacy

\*Retell 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' in reverse order.

\*Speak in full sentences

\*Order, compose and write phrases and sentences.

\*Begin to use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.

\* Check writing for sense.

\*Write for different purposes e.g. shopping lists, invitations.

#### Mathematics

\*Name, describe and order coins.

\*Find out about the value of different coins.

\*Recall number bonds to 5.

\*Name, describe and find out about the properties of 3D shapes through problem solving.

#### Physical Development

\*Perform basic shapes, travelling movements, jumps and rolls in gymnastics.

\*Travel over, under and around apparatus safely.

\*Develop handwriting patterns through Write Dance and form curly caterpillar letters: c,o,a,d,g,q.

Wake and Shake - La Bamba

#### Understanding the World -Science

\*Name, describe and sort materials.

\*Investigate and test materials and their properties.

#### Expressive Arts and Design - Art

\*Paint straight and curved strokes smoothly.

\*Explore and develop colour mixing skills.

\*Respond to the work of an artist: Jasper Johns

\*Find out about overworking.

If you any questions, please pop into school. We're always happy to help. Thank you for your continued support.

**Mrs Webb, Miss Turner and Mrs Roberts.**