

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Red Class



It's the start of the summer term and we have the weather to match! This half term our topic is 'Castles'. Our project will be to turn our classroom into a great hall. The whole school castle will open for tours on Thursday, 17th May 9am-11am. More information will follow in a Friday Fanfare. During our introductory day, we created castles using 2D shapes in the style of Paul Klee. Here are a few examples.



TRANSITION

This term, we start to prepare the children for Year 1 by making subtle changes to their daily routine and gradually raising the expectation for listening and concentration. I have outlined some of the ways we facilitate transition below. The children will...

- change their reading books independently.
- complete additional practical learning tasks during teaching sessions.
- complete additional 'challenges' during their play and explore time
- complete optional topic-based homework
- take part in a transition afternoon to visit their new classroom and teacher.

HOMWORK BOOKS

During the summer term, the children may complete **optional** topic-based homework. Soon, you will receive a homework book with a topic-based homework sheet. The homework sheet provides a good overview of learning in Red Class for this half term. If your child wishes to complete homework then the sheet details exactly what to do. You will find a range of interesting tasks developing skills from across the curriculum. Homework books should be handed in on **Monday** and will be returned on **Friday**. At the end of the week, we hold a special celebration assembly where two children will be awarded a homework certificate and their work will be displayed in the hall. Remember the homework sheet is **optional** for Reception children. Reading, little and often, makes a significant impact on the children's progress.

AFTERNOON CLUBS

The children have made a fantastic start to their new afternoon clubs. I'm very impressed with their ability to cope with new routines, such as changing for sports club, yoga and Forest School. They've also enjoyed meeting new grown ups and learning new skills in a wide range of clubs. Well done Red Class!

WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING?

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- * Find the differences between boys and girls.
- *Tackle gender stereotypes i.e. only boys play football and only girls have long hair.

Communication and Language/Literacy

- * Ask and answer questions.
- *Listen to and retell 'Robin Hood'
- *Read and spell words with adjacent consonants i.e. **b**right, **b**link, **c**reep,
- *Say, make and write simple sentences and stories.

Mathematics

- Count in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Make and recall number bonds to 5 and 10.
- Name, describe and solve problems with 2D shapes.

Physical Development

- *Move in a variety of ways
- *Develop a good running technique.
- *Develop throwing and catching skills.
- *Play games with simple rules.
- *Recap tricky letter formation and begin to join letters together.

Wake and Shake: Gipsy Kings - Volare

Topic

- * Ask and answer questions about the past.
- *Order events in time.
- *Find out about famous people from the past i.e. King Henry VIII
- *Use body percussion, vocal sounds and untuned instruments to create simple compositions.
- *Explore how to push, pull and twist objects and describe what happens.
- *Carry out simple scientific tests.

DIARY DATES

Castle Trip - 30.4.18

Sport's Day - 25.5.18

Please pop into school if you would like any help or support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Webb, Miss Turner and Mrs Roberts