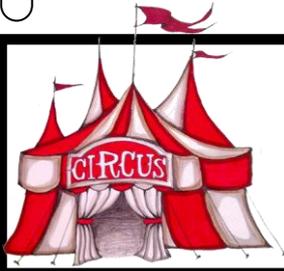


NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School - Purple Class



Welcome back...

Welcome to a new term in Purple Class. Thank you to everyone for their support last half term. Our family sports morning was very successful and the children enjoyed themselves very much. They showed excellent sportsmanship and fair play which was great to see. And long may the sunshine continue. There are two topics for this half term – our first is 'The Circus' – read on to find out more. The second is 'Creepy Crawlies', which you'll hear more about later in the term.

TOPIC

"Roll up, roll up! Welcome to the greatest show on earth!" Our topic this term is sure to thrill – The Circus. Children will be working towards the creation of a circus-themed board game – which you will see later in the term, at the summer fair.

Our main subjects alongside literacy and numeracy this term are art and science.

In art, our focus will be on collage. Children will study and reflect upon the work of Henri Matisse and Bridget Riley, giving their opinions and learning from their techniques.

In small groups, children will produce larger scale collage work before focusing in on a smaller scale for their individual collages. For a final piece, children will choose their own collage style and create artwork inspired by the circus.

In science, we will link with PSHE and learn more about how animals, including humans, can stay healthy. Exactly how would a circus strong man or a trapeze artist stay fit and healthy?

In music, we will learn and accompany one of my favourite childhood songs – Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines! I think this may feature at the summer fair.

Ongoing areas of learning are PSHE (changes), computing (communication/word processing), P.E. and Philosophy.



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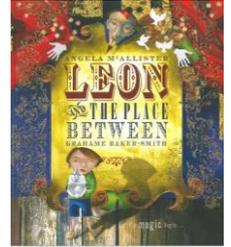


Now that we have the warmer weather, the age old problem of identifying whose jumper is whose gets worse! Please do make sure all jumpers and cardigans are clearly labelled with your child's name. Often names fall out or fade out so it's worth a check. Equally sports clothes and shoes need names too.

Please also make sure that your child has a labelled water bottle in school each day, along with a sunhat. ☺

LITERACY

Over the next few weeks in literacy, we will be working towards writing our own story based around 'Leon and the Place Between' by Grahame Baker-Smith.



Initially, we will read sections of the story, reasoning about the language choices the author has made, and using clues to make inferences about the characters. Then, we will focus on collecting adjectives (e.g. colourful, golden, bright) and powerful verbs (e.g. twisted, drifted, fluttered).

In writing, we'll think about the main ideas of the story and decide on a part we would like to change. Children will then write their own version of the story.

As always, we will learn more about the best sort of sentences to use and how to punctuate accurately using full stops, exclamation marks, question marks, commas and apostrophes.

Handwriting, reading and phonics sessions will continue.

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. Here's an interactive website which is great for supporting mental recall.

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Thanks once again for all of your help and support. Please contact me if I can support further to help our little learners.

Miss Kuriger ☺