

NEWSLETTER

Blackwell First School- Yellow Class



Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely half term break. This term is a short one but it is jam packed full of exciting things to look forward to including learning about a land far away, an Easter Coffee Morning and even more snow to add to the mixture! Purple Class has two new pupils...Peggy and Mabel and hopefully we will meet them too. Read on to find out more about our learning this half term...

Topic

In our 'A Land Far Away' topic, the key skills we will focus on are thinking skills and communicating with peers. These skills will help us to create non-chronological reports that we will include in our 'Baghdad' class text book.

History, Art and Geography are areas of the curriculum which will be covered during this topic. In our History, we will be developing our understanding of chronology, selecting information carefully and asking historical questions by finding out about Baghdad's role in the early Islamic Civilisation. It was an amazing place to be. In Geography, we will be comparing Iraq to the UK and finding out about places in the UK including cities and counties. We will be investigating land-use patterns in the context of the UK's rivers and seas. We will also be looking at how the UK has changed over time.

Our Art, learning will involve the skill of printmaking. We will be investigating monoprint using a roller and printing ink to experiment with mark making. We will also be experimenting with stamp blocks and relief pattern to create an Islamic pattern. See our 'Curriculum' page on the school website for more information about what we will cover in PSHE, Music, Computing, French, P.E and Philosophy this half term.

Our second topic of the half term is 'Easter' where we will cover areas of RE, Literacy and consider traditions associated with Easter.



Numeracy over this half term...

Measuring (Length): comparing and estimating length, measuring and calculating length including perimeter, converting length

Multiplying: mentally, written methods, application of these skills in a variety of contexts

Dividing: mentally, written methods, application of these skills

Number: Multiply and divide by 10 and 100, represent numbers including decimals, partition numbers including decimals

Measuring (Time): comparing and estimating time, telling the time on an analogue and digital clock

For further information about mathematical methods, please ask at Parent Meetings.

Easter Coffee Morning

On Thursday 29th March, we will celebrate the end of term with you at our 'Easter Coffee Morning'. Keep a look out for further information!

Literacy

This half term the children will be reading and discussing a range of non chronological reports based on our topic of 'A Land Far away- Baghdad'. We will be focusing on the features of non chronological reports (i.e. headings, sub headings, introductions) to support us to write our own reports. We will also be recapping what we need to include in our sentences to make them interesting e.g. conjunctions, fronted adverbials, noun phrases.



Baghdad 900 AD

We will be focusing on reading and discussing poetry in our 'Easter' topic.

Clothing and Equipment Reminder!

Please ensure that your child has the following in school with them every day:

- school book bag
- reading book and card
- water bottle
- jumper/ cardigan
- hooded, waterproof coat
- P.E kit (jogging bottoms, shorts, trainers, **pumps**, white t-shirt, **gloves**, hat, hair bobble for long hair and a plastic carrier bag for muddy trainers)
- wellingtons and a pair of thick socks

Times Tables

When children know their times tables, it links many areas of their maths learning together. By the end of Year 3, the children need to know their 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, and 11 times tables by heart and in any order. We teach and practise in school but they really need daily practise to develop fluency. Any extra help and support at home would be gratefully received! Thank you

Thank you for your continued support as always. Remember we are always available for a chat after school. We look forward to another busy and exciting term!

Miss Steele and Miss Chamberlain ☺