

NEWSLETTER

Blackwell First School- Yellow Class



A big welcome to Year 3! We hope you all had a good summer holiday and are now looking forward to the start of a new academic year. In just a few weeks time we have our 'Scarecrow Festival' where you will be able to see the beginnings of our Year 3 learning! We will be very busy finding out about our new classroom, our new topic and getting to know each other. Read on to find out what learning you can expect from our first half term of being 'juniors'! We are looking forward to getting to know you all and having a super year together!

Topic

We kick start the year with a 'Scarecrow' topic. This project will enable the children to plan their own learning and develop their collaboration skills to make work for the festival. Geography, D.T. and Science are areas of the curriculum which will be covered during this topic.

Science will focus on plant growth, identifying different parts and functions of plants, describing the similarities and differences in plants and explaining the life cycle of plants. Our Geography will focus on seasonal change, woodlands and plants and physical and human impacts on woodland.

Through D.T. the children will explore pneumatic systems to enable them to design and make 'Moving Scarecrows'. They will investigate and explore different systems in order for them to plan, make and evaluate their own designs.

PSHE, Music, Computing, French, P.E and Philosophy for Children are taught each week throughout the year. See our 'Curriculum' page on the school website for more information.

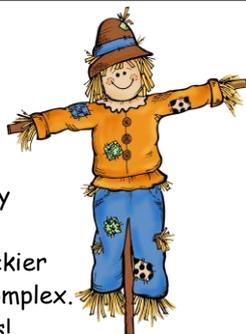
Our second topic of the half term is 'Vikings' where we will cover areas of History and Art. We will also be visiting a longship in Stourport to support our learning in the Vikings topics.

Numeracy

In Numeracy children will be completing a range of activities to help develop their understanding of 3 numbers and mental and written methods for addition and subtraction. Mental starters will focus on number bonds to 20 and 100, finding 10 more and less than any 3-digit number and counting in 3s and 4s.

Bits and Pieces

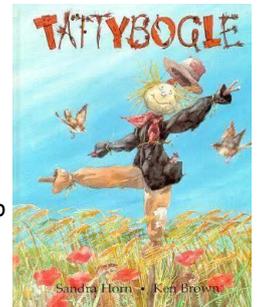
As ever, the best thing you can do to support your child at home is to hear them read. Even though children can generally independently decode by Year 3, reading with them every day is still key to support them with their comprehension skills which inevitably gets trickier as the texts they are reading become more complex. If you want any tips please do come and see us!



Literacy

Initially the children will be looking at a range of texts (and genres) relating to seasons to help them to explore themes and conventions. They will also be producing their own fiction texts based on the theme of 'Seasons and Scarecrows'. Activities to support this will include recapping what we need to make a good sentence; the use of adjectives, verbs and adverbs and using prepositions (under, beneath) in our writing.

Our Literacy focus for the Vikings will focus on the features of non chronological reports (i.e. headings, sub headings, introductions) to support us to write our own reports.



Clothing and Equipment

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

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

Please make sure all of your child's clothes, shoes and belongings e.g. water bottle, book bag, hats... are named. This really helps lost items to be reunited with their owner easily and quickly. Thank you!

If you have any queries, please come and speak to us, even if they seem small. Straight after school is usually the best time or even if you just want to say hello, then that would be lovely!

Miss Steele and Miss Chamberlain ☺