

NEWSLETTER

Blackwell First School- Yellow Class



Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas break and Happy New Year to you all! Thank you for all of your kind cards, messages and gifts. We are sure that you will agree that the children worked so hard on their performance at the end of last term and we were very proud of them all. It is hard to believe that we have already completed the Autumn term! We kick off the New Year with our new 'Roald Dahl' topic. Yellow Class will be focusing on the story of 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. Take a look at what we will be doing this half term...

Topic

Our first topic is 'Fantastic Mr Fox', the key skills we will focus on is collaborating and communicating with peers. We will be exploring how we can review our own learning by independently checking and editing work.

DT and Art are areas of the curriculum which will be covered during this topic. We will be creating Mr Fox's new tail! In our art unit we will be dyeing and printing material. We will be focusing on textiles in DT. This will include generating ideas, producing a clear design, making a tail cushion, evaluating it and suggesting improvements.



At the end of our Roald Dahl topic we will share our textiles and materials learning with you in an 'Art Gallery' that will be displayed at our 'Story Night'.

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 'Egypt' where we will cover areas of RE and History. Our Egypt topic also includes an exciting trip to London!



Numeracy

Children will investigate and explore 2d and 3d shapes. In our number unit, we will begin to look at decimal numbers. We will also revise our addition and subtraction methods this term and progress on to the next method. Our problem solving will focus on number puzzles this term.

Reading

A new focus in the national curriculum is how fluently children are able to read. Re-reading books that your child has enjoyed is very beneficial. Thank you for all of your support at home, children reading little and often every day really does make the difference! Remember to sign your child's card when you hear them read. Thank you.

Literacy

This half term we will be focusing on reading and writing a narrative. We will complete activities to support: predicting skills; checking for sense; questioning; making good word choices; composing and writing good sentences; using fronted adverbials; using dialogue; considering structure; planning and editing writing; reading and performing their own writing.

Our key text is:
Fantastic Mr Fox



We will be focusing on non-fiction writing in our Egypt topic.

Clothing and Equipment

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

*Your child has been told which day they have Forest School.

If you wish you to come and have a chat or if there are any questions, then home time is usually a good time. We look forward to another busy and exciting term! Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Steele and Mrs Moran ☺