

# NEWSLETTER

## Blackwell First School- Yellow Class



We hope that you have all had a great half term break. Can you believe we are approaching the end of Year 3? We can't - this year has whizzed by! Soon the children will need to step up into the role of the oldest children in the school. But Year 3 is not over just yet! There is a lot to pack into this final busy term with exciting learning around the topics of 'Building a Business' and 'On the Farm'. So, what will we be learning in our final term in Year 3?

### Topic

In our 'Building a Business' topic, our key skills are 'Healthy Lifestyles' and 'Communication'. Mrs Moss has set us the challenge of creating our own business venture. In order to be successful, we will have to apply all of our learning from this year and apply it so that we are able to make some money for the school and our favourite charity- we will be deciding which one through a democratic vote in our PSHE learning. Our finished 'product' will be available for you to purchase during the topic. Keep your eyes peeled for more information! The children will be writing to you as part of their Literacy work.

We will be focusing on food and nutrition in DT. This learning will help us to create our product to help us form a business plan. This will include generating ideas, tasting, producing a clear design, making food, evaluating it and suggesting improvements.

In Art this half term, we will be focusing on the skill of collage. We will be exploring the work of Klee, Vasarely and Matisse to help us with our understanding of colour mixing, how we can use lines effectively and negative and positive images. 'Highway and Byways' Paul Klee 1929



See our 'Curriculum' page on the school website for more information about our learning.

### Numeracy for the term...

**Measurement: MASS-** comparing/estimating mass and volume of capacity; measuring and calculating mass and volume; converting mass and volume

**Measurement: TIME-** 24 hour clock, knowledge of timings *e.g. How many days in January*. Please help them to learn to tell the time on analogue clocks at home.

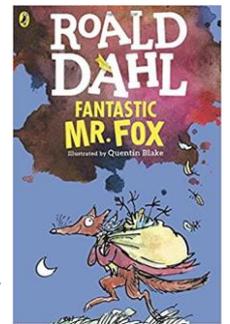
**Measurement: MONEY-** add and subtract amounts to give change, £ and p in practical contexts

**Addition/Subtraction:** Problem solving- missing number problems, number facts, place value, more complex addition/subtraction

**Multiplication/Division:** Problem solving- missing number problems, positive integer scaling problems and correspondence

### Literacy

This half term we will be focusing on reading letters, and writing some of our own! Activities to support this will include exploring a range of letters, using conventions, fronted adverbials, different sentence types, using pronouns to avoid repetition, planning, writing, editing and assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggesting improvements; proof-reading for spelling and punctuation errors; reading work to others controlling the tone and volume. Phew that's a lot!



Our key text for 'On the Farm' is: *Fantastic Mr Fox*

Here is a reminder of the clothing and equipment that your child needs with them every day:

- school book bag
- reading book and card
- **water bottle (lots of children are coming to school without one)**
- 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
- sun hat

\*Where possible, please put sun cream on before school. Thank you.

### Sports Morning

The children were disappointed that we had to cancel before half term however we will keep practising our running, catching and throwing skills for you! Our rearranged date is Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

Thank you for all of your support over the year. Without your help with reading, homework, conversations over the dinner table, (and all of the other many things you do!) your children wouldn't make the progress that they do. We feel very lucky that we are able to work with them every day and see these changes. Remember to come and see us if there is anything you wish to say or ask.

Mrs Dudek and Miss Chamberlain ©