

# NEWSLETTER

## for Blackwell First School- Red Class



At Blackwell First School we aim to educate the whole child and to ensure children are happy, healthy and fulfil their potential in terms of development of skills for life, social and moral values and academic success.

Welcome to Red Class! We look forward to working with you this year. Our half termly newsletters outline key learning and information. We also provide weekly updates through the 'Friday Fanfare' which can be found on our class page (look for the red welly boot) at [www.blackwellfirstschool.com](http://www.blackwellfirstschool.com). Also, listen for the 'beep' as we use ParentApp to keep you up to date with the latest news. Let's find out about Red Class.

### HOME READING

Daily reading has a significant impact on reading progress. During the first few weeks, we send home picture books to help build confidence and self-esteem.

Soon, your child will receive a book with words that match the letter sounds taught in school, an eBook to reinforce previous learning and a library book for families to share. We're using a new phonics programme, this year, called Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. To support home reading and to explain 'Little Wandle', you're invited to attend a virtual or an on-site workshop. Dates for the diary:

**Virtual Workshop:** 04.11.21 @6pm

**School Workshop:** 18.11.21 @ 6pm

A letter with further information will follow. If you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to email the office. We're always happy to help in Red Class.



### ALL ABOUT ME

This half term our topic is 'All about Me' and our project is to create a class display.

#### Communication and Language/Literacy

- \*Take turns to speak and listen.
- \*Speak in full sentences.
- \*Listen to and join in with songs and rhymes.
- \*Practise letter sounds (s,a,t,p,i,n)
- \*Begin to blend and segment CVC words i.e. tap, pin.
- \*Explore and identify rhyming words.

#### Mathematics

- \*Use number names in counting rhymes, songs and stories.
- \* Develop an understanding of number and mathematical concepts through concrete resources e.g. cubes in egg boxes or stones in a large ten frame.
- \*Begin to talk about and 'play' with numbers.

#### Physical Development

- \*Travel, balance and move into space
- \*Develop fine motor control through our music, movement and mark making sessions (Write Dance and Dough Dance).

#### Topic

- \*Talk about personal history, begin to ask questions and find out about the past.
- \* Find out about class rules and learn about people who help us and keep us safe.
- \*Draw lines, shapes and patterns to create a self-portrait.
- \*Explore simple cutting and joining skills to create a 'mini me' puppet.

### FOREST SCHOOL

The children will visit Forest School every Friday morning from Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September. The children should wear jogging bottoms and trainers to school with their Blackwell top. Waterproof coats and trousers will be provided by school, but the children will need a pair of thick socks and a warm hat and gloves for those chilly mornings!



### BITS AND PIECES

- ❖ PE takes place every Monday on the playground. Long hair should be tied back for multi skills.
- ❖ When the children are full time, they will be able to purchase healthy snacks from the tuck shop for 30p or alternatively bring one healthy snack from home.

### ZOOM PARENT MEETINGS

I'm looking forward to our Zoom parent meetings where I will be able to talk about your child's first two weeks in school. If you need to book an appointment, please email:

[redclass@blackwell.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:redclass@blackwell.worcs.sch.uk)

Best wishes,  
Mrs Webb, Mrs Reid, Mrs Edney and Mrs Hampton