

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Yellow Class



Welcome back to everyone after Christmas...which seems like a while ago now! I hope that you were all able to celebrate the best that you could. Mrs Morgan, Miss Bailey and I will be working really hard this half term to develop children's independence to allow them to explore different resources to support their learning. This will be a challenge for our Stay at Home Superheroes but we will problem solve together!

TOPIC

We are going to start this half term with a topic called 'Music to Our Ears'.



Art and Science are the areas of the curriculum taught during this topic.

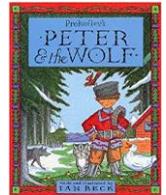
In science, children will learn about magnets and how they attract and repel objects. The children will have the opportunity to sort materials depending on whether they think that they are magnetic or not, and then learning will be further developed by introducing the children to force and how objects move on different surfaces due to friction.

In art, children will develop their painting skills by creating a paint chart, responding to art by Sean Scully and learning the skill of tonking and sgraffito.

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.

LITERACY

As a class, we will read Prokofiev's 'Peter and the Wolf', retold by Ian Beck. The children will learn a re-tell to the story which will help to develop vocabulary and literary features such as the use of adjectives and time adverbials. The children will continue to have many writing opportunities to support their development in writing stamina. Handwriting sessions will be focussing on specific letter formation and some number formation too.



In spelling, the children will be taught a range of spelling conventions including adding prefixes sub- and tele- and understanding the use of apostrophes for contractions. We will also practise reading and spelling the following tricky words:

favourite, February, heard, heart, height, history, imagine, important, increase, interest, island, knowledge, learn, length, library.

The game 'Little Bird Spelling' on www.ictgames.com is very useful and the children enjoy playing this.

BITS AND PIECES

If your child is in school, please check that they have the following in school with them every day:

- school book bag
- home reading card
- water bottle and snack/tuck money
- hooded, waterproof coat
- P.E kit (to include jogging bottoms, shorts, **trainers and pumps**, white t-shirt, jumper, hair bobble for children with shoulder length hair or longer and a plastic carrier bag for muddy trainers)
- wellingtons and a pair of thick socks

Please name all of these items to help misplaced items be returned to the correct owner.

Forest School for **all** children in Yellow Class will take place on Monday this term. They can come to school wearing jogging bottoms on the day they go.

For children at home, work will be posted on the ParentApp each morning and please contact us on

yellowclass@blackwell.worcs.sch.uk if you require further support.

Please read with your child daily to help build fluency, develop word meaning and check their inference skills.

NUMERACY

During Numeracy children will be completing a range of activities to help develop their understanding of multiplication and division. They will be introduced to different written methods and will learn about dividing with a remainder too.

Mental starters will focus on counting on and back in 4s, 11s and 8s. They will start to learn their 8 times-table this half term. They will develop their knowledge of number bonds to 100 (any number, e.g. $53 + 47$) and 1000 (multiples of 100) and place value number bonds ($12 + 23 = 35$, so $120 + 230 = 350$). We will also revisit the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times table to ensure the children know them by heart and out of order.



Daily times table practice at home significantly helps too!

Squeebles and hit the button are great apps to use.

I am really excited about the learning this half term and looking forward to seeing the ever-increasing progress that your child is making. Whether the children are at home or school, they will be learning the same content and this term is an important one for making progress so we will work together to ensure that this happens.

Please email the office or yellowclass@blackwell.worcs.sch.uk if you have any questions. Thank you.