

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Yellow Class



Welcome back

It is the summer term already!

I hope that you all had a well-deserved break over Easter and were able to visit a few more people! We are heading in to the last term of being together in Yellow Class and Mrs Morgan, Miss Bailey and I are excited to have all of the children back. Our new topic is 'People Around the World' with a focus on Africa. We will be taking part in some charity work in this topic so any support would be fantastic!

TOPIC

We are going to start this half term with a topic called 'People Around the World'.

Geography, R.E. and Science are the areas of the curriculum taught during this topic.



In Geography, the children will focus their learning on the African country of Kenya. We will be discovering where Kenya is located and comparing the human and physical features that it has to that of the UK. We will also look at Kenya's wildlife and tourism through our charity work. The children will then be asked to think about the questions

"Would you prefer to live in Kenya or the UK?" and "Which is a better holiday destination?"

R.E. will focus on different religions and religions follow rules and beliefs to make the world a better place. Science will also be taught and will focus on light. The project will focus on raising money for the African Wildlife Foundation. Mrs Moss will decide whether she will donate to our charity dependant on our presentation to her! I will also be putting their work in to a class scrap book. 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.

BITS AND PIECES

Please check that your child has 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

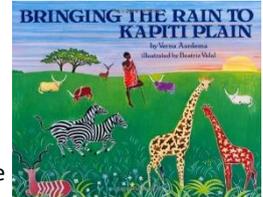
Please name all of these items to help misplaced items be returned to the correct owner.

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

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

LITERACY

As a class, we will read 'Bringing the Rain To Kapiti Plain' by Verna Aardema. The children will first develop their understanding through questioning, summarising and inferring. They will then produce a short story and write a letter.



We will be focussing on literary features such as adjectives, conjunctions, dialogue and paragraphs.

Handwriting sessions will focus on specific joined letter formation and some number formation too, where needed.

In spelling, the children will be taught a range of spelling conventions including adding suffixes -less, -ness, -ly, -ful, -ed, -ing, -s and -es. We will also practise reading and spelling the following tricky words:

occasion, occasionally, possess, possession, purpose, quarter, question, recent, regular, reign, remember, separate, strange, strength, suppose, surprise, therefore, though, although, through, various.

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

NUMERACY

During Numeracy children will be completing a range of activities to help develop their understanding and use of written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will develop their problem solving skills through word problems and bar modelling. We will also have opportunities for the children to reason with their learning too.

Mental starters will focus on counting in tenths, finding a quarter of a given number, division facts related to the 3, 4, 8 and 11 times tables, number bonds to 100 (multiples of 5 and any number) and near doubles.

Daily times table practice at home significantly helps too! Squeebles and hit the button are great apps to use.



I'm really looking forward to the learning this half term and will enjoy coming up with fundraising ideas with the children.

Please email the office if you have any questions. Thank you.

Miss Phipps, Mrs Morgan and Miss Bailey