

# NEWSLETTER

## for Blackwell First School- Yellow Class



**A big warm welcome to everyone!** I hope that you all had a lovely summer and enjoyed some sunshine. I am really looking forward to the new academic year where there will be lots of fascinating learning opportunities for your child. Miss Davis will be joined by Mrs Morgan in Yellow Class. Together, we will provide your child with a learning environment that allows them to become happy, independent, hard workers that are able to achieve well. Code of conduct and great learning behaviours will continue to be developed throughout Year 3. I look forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks.

### TOPIC

We start our year with an exciting History topic – **The Romans**. We will be focussing on the impact of the Roman Empire on Britain before answering our focus question, 'Would you rather have lived in Roman Britain or in Rome?' The learning during this topic will be displayed via ParentApp for you all to enjoy on our virtual presentation later on in September.

In DT, children will be creating a pop-up piece of work which will include looking at different structures and mechanisms. The design will link to our History work and our trip to Chedworth. They will explore the different types of folds to create the movements we see in children's pop-up books. We will also be developing our drawing skills in Art to create different tones.

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 folder
- 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) and
- wellingtons and a pair of thick socks

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

Forest School will take place on a **Wednesday for group 5 and Friday for group 6**. The children know which group they are in but asked if you are unsure. They can come to school wearing jogging bottoms on the day they go. PE will take place on a Thursday. It may take place outside so please ensure trainers and jogging bottoms are in their kits. If you would like your child to have milk or afternoon fruit, please email the office for a letter [office@Blackwell.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@Blackwell.worcs.sch.uk).

Please read with your child daily to help build fluency and develop word meaning.

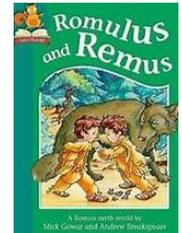
I am really looking forward to working with you throughout the year to ensure your child is happy and develops as a learner.

As meeting in person continues to be tricky at the moment with the end of day collection arrangement, please email the office if you have any questions and I will call you or return an email. Thank you.

*Miss Davis and Mrs Morgan*

### LITERACY

As a class, we will read 'Romulus and Remus', which is a Roman myth. This which help to develop vocabulary as well as understand the features of a myth. The children will then have the chance to write their own myths, using good word choices and using expanded sentences to capture the reader's attention.



The children will have regular handwriting sessions to help to continually develop their cursive handwriting to assist them in becoming fluent writers. Their individual writing targets will also be introduced this half term.

In phonics, the children will be taught a range of spelling conventions including adding suffixes -s, -es, -er, -ed and -ing. Adding prefixes un- and dis- will also be introduced. We will also practise reading and spelling the following tricky words:

**accident, accidentally, actual, actually, address, answer, appear, arrive, believe, bicycle, breath, breathe, build, busy, business, calendar, caught, centre, century, certain, circle, complete, consider, continue**

The game 'Little Bird Spelling' on [www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com) is very useful.

### NUMERACY

During Numeracy, children will be completing a range of activities to help develop their understanding of 2 and 3-digit numbers and their knowledge of how to compare and order numbers.

We will also problem solve throughout lessons with separate problem solving lessons once a week to develop children's logical thinking.

Mental maths starters will focus on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, number bonds to 20 and 100, doubles and halves to 20. We will also revisit the 2, 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!**

