

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Yellow Class



Welcome back

I hope that you all had a well-deserved break over Easter and were able to enjoy some of the lovely sunshine! We are heading in to the last term of being together in Yellow Class and Mrs Morgan and I are excited to start the summer term. Our new topic is 'Go Global' which will see us learn about three different places, Johannesburg, Amsterdam and Birmingham to see the similarities and differences. We will be taking part in some charity fundraising work in this topic so any support would be fantastic!

TOPIC

We have started this half term with a topic called 'Go Global'. 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 city of Amsterdam. We will be discovering where Amsterdam is located and comparing the human and physical features that it has to that of Birmingham. The children will be completing a quiz as part of their charity work. They will then be asked to think about the question

"What is it like to live in Amsterdam compared with Birmingham?"

R.E. will focus on different religions and celebrations that take place within them. Science will also be taught and will focus on light. 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.

The charity project will focus on raising money for the Red Cross. This will be done through a series of challenges that the children will be completing. See the sponsor letter to find out more.

LITERACY

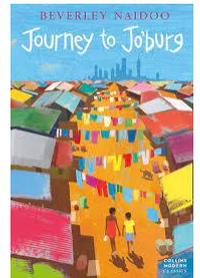
As a class, we will read 'Journey to Jo'burg' by Beverly Naidoo. The children will first develop their understanding through questioning, predicting, summarising and inferring. They will then produce a short story and write a letter.

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.



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 children in Yellow Class will take place on different days this term, depending on their group.

Group 6 – Wednesday Group 7 – Tuesday Group 8 – Monday

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.

NUMERACY

During Numeracy children will be completing a range of activities to help develop their understanding of time. Time can be a very tricky subject so any help at home would be much appreciated. The children will then be learning about fractions by recognising them, talking about what they mean, comparing them and then using them to solve problems.

The children will also continue developing their problem solving skills through daily 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 11s, 11 times table, doubles of number with the 1s digits 5 or less, mental addition and subtraction and multiplying and dividing by 4 and 8.

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 completing the challenges to raise money with the children for the Red Cross humanitarian efforts.

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

Miss Davis and Mrs Morgan