

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Yellow Class



Welcome back

We hope that you all had a relaxing break with lots of rest and play. We are now half way through the year and I look forward to the rest of the year with you all. Our new topic is 'Pirates' and we look forward to learning about what life was like for pirates in the 'Golden Age'. We also have a class assembly this term, so we look forward to sharing our learning with you.

TOPIC

We are going to start this half term with a 'Pirates' topic. History and DT are the areas of the Foundation Subject curriculum taught during this topic. In History, the children will develop source analysis skills by looking at different primary and secondary sources to learn about what life was like in the golden age of piracy. They will then be using the knowledge they have learnt to answer our historical question;



'How did the piracy age affect Golden Britain?'

In DT, children will be investigating different flavours of breads before planning, designing and creating a product that would be fit for a pirate. The children will then evaluate it and suggest improvements so that we can create the best product possible.

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 and folder
- named 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

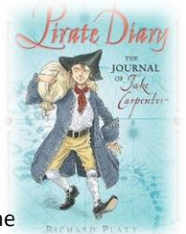
Please name all of these items to help misplaced items be returned to the correct owner.

Forest School for children in Yellow Class will take place on Monday for group 6, Tuesday for group 4 and Wednesday for group 5. Please send your child into school in dark, plain coloured jogging bottoms on their forest school 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 'Pirate Diary, the Journal of Jake Carpenter' by Richard Platt. The children will first develop their understanding through questioning, posing questions, word identification and summarising before creating their own pirate journals based on information learned from the book.



We will be focusing on literary features such as adverbs and a wider range of conjunctions. We will also be looking at how the structure of a book contributes to its meaning. Handwriting sessions will focus on specific letter formation (where we have spotted inaccurate formation), capital letter formation and size and some number formation too.

In spelling, the children will be taught a range of spelling conventions including the /s/ sound spelt 'ch', words with 's' and 'ss' and revisiting suffixes such as '-less' and '-ly'. We will also practise reading and spelling the following tricky words:

natural, naughty, notice, occasion, occasionally, often, opposite, ordinary, particular, peculiar, perhaps, popular, position, possess, possession, possible, potatoes, pressure, probably, promise, purpose, quarter, question.

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 multiplication. The children will continue to develop their mental skills, before moving onto learning written skills, as well as their problem solving.

They will also be introduced to statistic work, such as reading and interpreting different graphs and data.

Mental starters will focus on counting in multiples of 8s and 11s, and the 11 and 8 x table, doubles and halves of all numbers to 100 and multiplying by 4 and 8. **Daily times table practice at home significantly helps too!**



Squeebles and hit the button are great apps to use.

We are looking forward to the exciting learning this half term in Yellow Class.

Please email the office if you have any questions or catch me at the end of the day on the playground. Thank you.

Miss Davis and Mrs Marks