



NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Red Class



Welcome to the summer term in Red Class where we'll be 'Globe Trotting' and celebrating the King's Coronation with a family event on Friday, 5th May. Our class story is 'The Woodcutter's Duck', a traditional story from Poland. We'll be performing a retell of this story during our family event as well as singing with the whole school. During this topic, we will find out about Poland and the city of Kraków. If you have relatives in Poland or you've visited, please let us know. We will complete the half term with our topic, 'Happy and Healthy' when we will be holding our annual School Games Day on Friday, 26th May. Bring a blanket or camping chair to watch races and sporting activities throughout the morning on the school field.

Globe Trotting in Red Class - During our first day back, we created traditional Polish paper art called Wycinanki.



HOMEWORK

To prepare the children for Year 1, we will send home a topic homework sheet. The children complete one piece of homework, each week, from a range of subjects. The homework sheet is **not compulsory and daily reading continues to be our recommendation in Reception**. However, completing homework from the topic grid will support learning in school and help to prepare the children for Year 1. Each week, two children will be selected for a homework certificate and their work will be displayed in the school hall.

FOREST SCHOOL AND PE

Forest School will now take place during club time at 1.40pm. Children may come dressed in their Forest School clothes (jogging bottoms and trainers) on the following days:

Monday: Joshua, Murphie, Seb, Bobby, Megan, Charlotte.

Tuesday: Seth, Eva-Grace, Spencer, Erin, Savannah, Aahil.

Wednesday: Will B, Sam B, Noah, Evan, Poppy O, Cleo.

Thursday: Poppy B, Isla, William L, Barnaby, Jack, Robyn, Buddy, Hugo, Harley, Florence, Nancy, Sam T.

PE will take place on **Monday afternoons**. Please tie long hair back and remove earrings. On sunny days, please apply sun cream before school and send in a sun hat. Children may apply their own sun cream during the day from a named bottle.

If you would like to speak to me, please do not hesitate to email office@blackwell.worcs.sch.uk or I'm available after school. Messages can be given to Mrs Moss in the morning. We're always happy to help.

Best wishes,
Mrs Webb and Team Red Class x



WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING?

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

*Find out how to keep healthy (diet, exercise, sleep, toothbrushing).

Communication and Language/Literacy

*Recap digraphs e.g. **oi** (boil), **ow** (cow), **ur** (turn).

*Read and spell **CVCC** words (**tent**) and **CCVC** words (**stop**).

*Read and retell 'The Woodcutter's Duck'.

*Write sentences using capital letters, finger spaces, verbs and full stops.

*Sequence sentences to form short narratives.

Tricky words for the term: **said, so, have, like, some, come, love, do, were, here, little, says, there, when, what, one, out, today.**

Mathematics

*Count in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s.

*Continue to add and subtract, developing an understanding of the equals sign.

*Compare and measure length, mass and capacity.

Physical Development

*Develop and refine ball skills including throwing, catching, kicking, rolling and batting.

*Apply skills in simple ball games.

*Join digraphs.

*Begin to form capital letters.

Wake and Shake - Bhangra dancing.

Understanding the World

*Use photographs, maps and videos to ask and answer questions and describe a place (Kraków, Poland and Birmingham, England).

*Find out about religious stories and why they are important.

Expressive Arts and Design

*Learn and perform songs for the King's Coronation.

*Use pictures to play and compose rhythm patterns.

*Compose repeated rhythms and perform using untuned instruments e.g. tambourine.