

# NEWSLETTER

## Blackwell First School – Purple Class



Welcome back to the final half term of the year. I have loved working with your children and I am really looking forward to ending the year on a high with two exciting topics called 'Victorians' and 'Food and Farming'. Last half term saw the children enjoy an interesting trip to Worcester Cathedral as well as performing their retell of 'Pattan's Pumpkin' to the rest of the school. This half term we have many more exciting opportunities planned, including a fun packed science day, a whole school history trip and an exciting visit from Midland Symphonia. We will also be busy preparing for our class assembly and we look forward to sharing this with you later on in the month.

### TOPIC

We begin this term with our new topic 'Victorians'. During our topic introduction day, we used dilemma-based learning to decide whether the Victorian times were a good time to be alive or not.

History and Art are the focus subjects for this topic. In History, we will learn about Queen Victoria before answering our overall question 'How does life with King Charles III compare to life with Queen Victoria?'. In Art we will take inspiration from Wassily Kandinsky to design and create a new outfit for Queen Victoria, here we will apply our previous learning about complimentary colours.

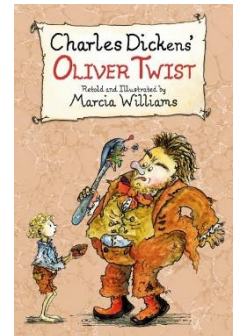
Music, Computing, PE, PSHE and Philosophy are taught throughout the year. The school website has information about these subjects in the 'Curriculum area'.

During the final week 3 weeks of this half term we will enjoy a topic all about 'Food and Farming'.

### ENGLISH

We are going to be exploring our literacy learning based around the story 'Oliver Twist'. We will read Marcia Williams's retold version of this classic Charles Dickens story. The story will support the children's historical understanding of the Victorian era.

Spelling, handwriting and discrete reading sessions will continue.



### MATHS

End of year expectations for mental maths include being able to recall 2, 5 and 10 times tables and division facts, find doubles and near doubles to 20 + 20, recall half of even numbers up to 40, + and - 9 from a 2 digit number, order numbers from 0-100 and use < and > signs when comparing them, recognising odd and even numbers, + and - two 2 digit numbers and partitioning numbers in different ways. Please continue to practise these at home to develop the children's rapid recall.

In our daily main maths lessons, we will begin by learning about measurement, including money, length, mass, volume and capacity. We will continue apply new learning to solve problems.

### BITS AND PIECES

#### **Forest School Days –**

**Group 1 – Mon / Group 2 – Tues / Group 3 – Weds / Group 4 – Thurs**

**(There have been a few changes to forest school groups, please see Parent App for the updated group lists.)**

Please send your child in wearing plain, dark jogging bottoms/leggings and their arms covered on these days. If it is a particularly warm day, we are happy for the children to change into this later in the day.

### PE

PE is usually outdoors every Tuesday this term. Please make sure your child has trainers as part of their PE kits and children who wear tights need a pair of socks in their PE kits. Hats are needed in school during sunny weather too. Long hair must be tied up and earrings removed on these days.

### HOMEWORK

Weekly homework remains optional for KS1 but it would be good practise for Year 3 to see more children completing some of the activities sent home at the start of the half term.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27.6.24 – Purple Class Assembly

6.7.24 – Summer Fair

17.7.24 – New Year 3 parent meeting

4.9.24 – Term starts for children

### PIRATE DANCE

I was delighted to hear that Purple Class have been selected to perform our pirate dance at the Worcestershire School Games in July. I am so proud of the children as they worked so hard to perfect their dance and we were one of only 5 schools including middle and high schools which were selected.

This will mean the children need their pirate costumes in school again so please could you send them in a **named bag by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June.**

Unfortunately, parents are unable to attend the event but perhaps we will include a sneaky peek of our dance at the end of our class assembly!

If there is anything you wish to ask about, please come and speak to me at the end of the day or send an email to [office@blackwell.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@blackwell.worcs.sch.uk)

Many thanks as always for your ongoing support,  
*Miss Bailey, Mrs Hampton and Mrs Cooper*