

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 time to rest and play. We are heading in to the last term of being together in Yellow Class and Mrs Marks and I are excited to start the summer term. Our new topic is 'Take a Trip' which will see us learning about 3 different places, South Africa, Amsterdam and Birmingham to see the similarities and differences. We will be having a learning celebration event in school at the end of this topic which will mean we can share our learning with another class and we will also be dressing up as colours of different flags!

TOPIC

We are going to start this half term with a topic called 'Take a Trip'. Geography, Science and R.E. 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. 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 the religions and celebrations that we have learnt about so far this year and make a connection to our own beliefs about the world.

Science will focus on Light. We will be focussing on light, reflection, shadows and how to stay safe in the sun.

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.

LITERACY

As a class, we will read 'Ocean Meets Sky' by The Fan Brothers. The children will first develop their understanding through questioning, predicting and summarising as well as inferring. They will then write their own fantasy stories about taking a journey. We will be focussing on features such conjunctions, prepositions, expanded noun phrases and adverbs. Handwriting sessions will focus on specific joined letter formation, number formation and capital letter formation.



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 and folder so the children can change their books.
- 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. Check on parent app if you are not sure of your child's days.

The children can come to school wearing plain, dark coloured 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 division through initially learning mental methods before progressing onto written methods with larger numbers.

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 celebrating our learning with the other classes in school.

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

Miss Davis and Mrs Marks