



NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Red Class

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful half term break. The children were certainly ready for a rest at the end of the half term. We are very proud of the way that they have settled into Red Class and now that routines and expectations are embedded, we look forward to watching them flourish as learners. It was great to chat to you all at Parent Consultations and your child's targets contain more information on ways for you to help at home. We have two exciting topics during this half term which are: Stories and Christmas. Our chosen book for our first topic is **There is a tribe of kids**, and we look forward to sharing their learning with you.

OUR PROJECT

We're busy planning and preparing for our Big Book celebration. We will be having dress up day on 5.12.25 where children are invited to come to school **dressed as a book character of their choice**. Costumes are optional and need not be expensive. On this day we will also share our learning with our Nursery friends and send home a digital treat for parents. Children may also bring their favourite book in from home to share on this day. (An app message will remind you nearer the time.)

READING

Reading books are changed every Friday. Children receive the Little Wandle book they have read in school that week and an additional book containing the taught sounds. Library books are books which can be read to the children and are books which are read for pleasure. These can be changed as often as the children like. Reading with children is the biggest way to impact your child's progress. I enjoyed sharing our vision for reading at our Reception Family Workshop on Wednesday, 5th November. Thank you to those who attended.



BITS AND PIECES

- ❖ PE takes place every Friday. Remember to **wear uniform that you can easily remove and put back on**.
- ❖ We have a junk modelling (workshop) area in the classroom and we're looking for a few extra bits and pieces: **ribbon** (any colour, width), **small cardboard tubes** and **boxes** and **wool** (any colour).
- ❖ Please keep sending in empty, clean water bottles and we will fill them up to avoid leaks in bookbags and also a healthy morning snack such as fruit.



FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School takes place every Wednesday. Now the weather is growing colder, please pack a named warm hat, gloves and a pair of thick socks for Forest School. You might want children to wear an extra layer to keep them nice and warm on particularly chilly days.

This is what we will learn across the curriculum.

Communication and Language/Literacy

- *Take turns to speak and listen.
- *Speak in full sentences.
- *Listen to and explore vocabulary from 'We are a tribe of kids'.
- *Learn new phoneme/grapheme correspondences e.g. **j, v, w, x** and **y**.
- *Continue to blend and segment CVC words i.e. jam, wet.
- *Read phrases and simple sentences.

Mathematics

- *Continue to develop basic counting skills.
- *Continue to develop number sense by using concrete apparatus.
- *Use concrete apparatus to add and subtract and develop associated vocabulary.
- *Use bar modelling to support problem solving.

Physical Development

- *Copy, create and refine motifs in dance.
- *Develop fine motor control through our music, movement and mark making sessions (Write Dance and Dough Dance).
- *Develop an efficient tripod grip and write first names using cursive script.
- *Wake and Shake- Don't stop moving, S Club 7

Topic

- *Keep the beat and tap a simple rhythm.
- *Continue to use hand shapes to match pitch through our Kodaly approach.
- *Learn what colours can be made by mixing different coloured paints.
- *Learn about the artists Joan Miro and Alice Rahon.
- *Name and draw parts of human and animal bodies

Daily messages can be given to Mrs Moss on the gate in the morning or please email the office - office@blackwell.worcs.sch.uk We're always happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support. **Mrs James and the Red Class Team**