

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 'Romans' and we look forward to learning about what life in Roman Britain was like and what changed in Britain after the Romans invaded. 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 'Romans' topic. History and Art are the areas of the Foundation Subject curriculum taught during this topic. We will also be revisiting the Science learning that we have covered so far this year.

In History, the children will develop an understanding of how the Roman invasion of Britain changed the country. They will be looking at a range of historical sources before using the knowledge they have learnt to answer our historical question;

'Was the Roman invasion a good or bad thing for Britain?'

In Art, children will be investigating textiles. They will be learning how to use dip dyeing techniques, creating printing blocks and transferring designs through printing. The children will then create a final piece with all of the skills that they have learnt.

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 'Roman Fort' by Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom.

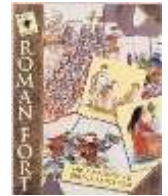
The children will first develop their understanding through exploring the presentation and structure of the book, word identification and summarising before creating their own Roman diaries based on information learned from the book and in History lessons.

We will be focusing on literary features such as contractions, possessive apostrophes and the present perfect tense. 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), ascenders and descenders.

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.



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 3, Thursday for group 4 and Friday 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.

NUMERACY

During Numeracy, children will be completing a range of activities to help develop their understanding and use of division. The children will continue to develop their mental skills, before moving onto learning written skills, as well as their problem solving.

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. Thank you.

Miss Davis and Mrs McDermott