

# NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School – Green



Welcome to 2026 in Green Class. We really enjoyed the festive season with a trip to 'The Snowman', performances of 'The Nativity' and a visiting pantomime. We hope you had a very happy Christmas and New Year at home and that the children are ready for their next adventures in Green Class. We begin the term with 'Let's Perform'. During this topic, we will create a short performance for our friends in school. From playing chime sets in Music, gymnastics displays in PE and creative collage work in Art, let the performances begin!

## Our Green Class memories...



...enjoying Christmas lunch



...watching 'The Snowman'



...cheering and jeering at the pantomime

## English



We start our Let's Perform topic with some exciting books from Mrs Moss - 'That's Not My Hat' and 'I Want My Hat Back'. We'll be talking about new words and their meanings and learning to make inferences from words and pictures. We'll be writing and revising sentences, checking for sense and missed words and ensuring our capital letters, full stops and question marks are in the right places. Our biggest focus will be on tricky word spelling (words such as **my, going, said, was, want, could, would, should**) and handwriting (ensuring lower-case letters are formed correctly, starting from the line with a consistent shape and size). If we can 'crack' the basics in Year 1, then the children will be flying in Blue Class!

## Homework

The quality of topic homework, last term, was fantastic. Lots of children enjoyed collecting a homework certificate and seeing their work displayed in the hall. Look out for a new sheet of homework activities, which includes weekly Little Wandle phonics objectives. Although topic homework is optional, we do encourage regular reading at home as it has a significant impact on your child's progress. We will continue to send home two books. One will be a familiar book covered 3 times a week in group reading sessions and the other will be a new reading book linked to our phonics scheme.

## Book Changing

To support the process of book changing, we now ask you to send your green folders into school on **Thursdays**. Books will be changed overnight so that they can be returned ready for the weekend. The children can return their reading for pleasure (class library) book any day.



**Maths** This half term, we will develop the children's understanding of numbers within 100. This includes counting, reading and writing numbers, as well as identifying, representing, estimating and comparing numbers. We will also be learning about different measurements where we will compare, estimate and measure different heights and lengths.

Mental starters will work on instant recall of number bonds within and to 10, spotting odd and even numbers and finding small differences between numbers. We will count every day. Please help us to count backward as forwards in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s.



## Bits and bobs

**Snacks** – Please send children to school with one healthy morning snack such as fruit or with money to purchase something from our tuck shop. Please also send children into school with a named, empty water bottle each day.

**Enrichment clubs** – Forest School days are as follows:

Tuesdays: Isri, Connell, Freddie, Theo, Joshua, Amelia, Jackson, Matilda, Harris, Francesca, Jack, Flynn, Alex, Logan, Lachlan W.

Wednesdays: Elsie, Isla, Rudi, Oscar, Aaruv, Freya, Harriet, Hattie, Evie, Poppy, Johan, Lily, Harvey, Lachlan C, Jessica

On forest school days, children can wear joggers / leggings with their school top and something warm underneath. Layers are essential for cold days.

**PE** – Lessons will continue in the hall on Tuesday afternoons. Please name all items of PE kit including shoes. Long hair should be tied up and pack a spare pair of socks if your child wears tights to school.

**Dressing for the weather** – Please send the children into school with a waterproof coat every day. Please name hats, gloves and scarves. We will try desperately to return them to the right owner!

## Topic

During our 'Let's Perform' topic, we will focus on Art and Science. In Art, we will be learning about different artists such as Andy Goldsworthy, Richard Long and Patrick Heron and making our own collages. In Science, we will be learning about different materials and how these materials can be used for specific purposes. In PE, we will be learning different gymnastic skills. Computing and PSHE continue weekly.

**PSHE** In PSHE we will be learning about appropriate touch, how to keep ourselves safe and who to talk to. We will be using the NSPCC resources for PANTS, which can be found online, using the correct terminology for body parts, which we use at school as part of our school safeguarding work. If you would like to talk to us about this part of the PSHE curriculum, please speak to Mrs Webb after school.

Thank you for your continuing support. If you wish to speak to us about anything, please do contact the office by telephone or email [office@blackwell.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@blackwell.worcs.sch.uk) or find us at the end of the day for an informal chat.