

NEWSLETTER

Blackwell First School – Purple Class



Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely break. We had lots of fun last half term, some highlights included performing our retell of Mr Magnolia's New Boot to the rest of the school and writing instructions for you to make your very own Anansi the spider at home!

This half term, we have two new topics 'Exploring History' and 'Easter'. We have lots more exciting opportunities planned to include a dance festival later in March, a family event to showcase our learning, 'Singing on the Steps' and Easter Story Night. I am looking forward to meeting with many of you during our Parents Consultation meetings in March to discuss your child's progress.

TOPIC

Our first topic of this half term is 'Exploring History'. History, Art and Science are the main foundation subjects for this topic.

In History, the children will be taught about the Suffragettes, at an age-appropriate level! They will explore the impact of famous political activist including Emmeline Pankhurst and Birmingham based Bertha Ryland on our lives. This learning supports our work on gender equality in school.

In Art, our focus is textiles. Here, the children learn how to dip dye fabric and make their own relief blocks to add detail.

In Science, we will recap all of our learning so far, from living things and their habitats, to animals and materials. At the end of this topic, you are invited into school for us to show you what we have been learning about.

During the second half of this half term, we will enjoy our 'Easter' topic where we will use our RE lessons to learn more about the Easter Story.

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

BITS AND PIECES

Extra matched reading books will normally be changed on a Monday.

Little Wandle books need to be returned every Thursday please so that we can send their new Little Wandle book home every Friday. **Please return these as other groups need them.**

Library books (Reading for Pleasure books) can be changed as and when they are finished. We let the children take a new library book home when they have returned their previous library book.

Forest School Days

- Group 1 – Tuesday
- Group 2 – Wednesday
- Group 3 – Monday



PE

PE is usually indoors every **Monday** 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.

HOMEWORK

Weekly homework remains optional for KS1.

Please read with your child daily to help build fluency, and develop comprehension.

Dates for your diary:

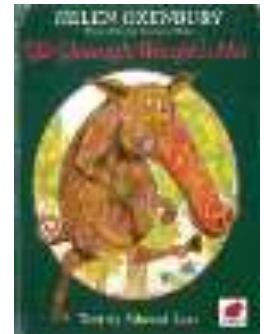
- Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March** – Parent Consultation Meetings
- Friday 20th March** – After school family event
- Thursday 26th March at 8:45am** – 'Singing on the Steps'
- Thursday 26th March 5:30-6:30pm** – Easter Story Night
- Friday 27th March** – Last day of Term

ENGLISH

We are going to be exploring our literacy learning using the famous nonsense poem 'The Quange Wangle's Hat' by Edward Lear.

The children will work towards writing their own character description of their own fictional character. We are looking forward to sharing this learning with you when you join us for the family event on Friday 20th March.

Spelling, handwriting and discrete reading sessions will continue.



MATHS

In mental maths we will continue to revisit everything that has been visited so far as well as learning some new concepts including the 5 times table, counting in 3s and calculating near doubles to 20+20.

Any support that you are able to give to support your child with these mental maths skills is greatly appreciated.

In maths lessons this half term, the children will develop their understanding of multiplication before moving onto telling the time.

The children will be learning to tell the time using an analogue clock (o'clock, half past, quarter to, quarter past and to every 5 minutes). Anything you can do to support their understanding of this at home will support their learning at school.



We enjoyed making and tasting our very own Caribbean style soup.

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

Many thanks for your support,
Miss Bailey and the Purple Class Team