



NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Red Class



Forest School learning ↑

Welcome back to school. We hope you had a good break. We start the half term with a topic called Exploring History. We'll be using our History and Design Technology skills to create a learning event for our families. (28th March 3.30pm) Later in the term, our topic will change to Easter where we'll be singing on the steps for our families. Red Class and Nursery will be singing, Monday 7th April 8.45am. Please come along!

BITS AND PIECES

- ❖ PE takes place every Thursday. Please tie long hair back for athletics. **We will be outside as much as possible so please send in trainers as part of the children's PE kit.**
- ❖ Forest School takes place every Tuesday.
- ❖ Reading books are changed every Friday but library books are available every day.
- ❖ Water bottles are filled and emptied at school.
- ❖ Please send children into school with a healthy morning snack or they can purchase a snack for 50p from our tuck shop which is open on the front playground as children enter school. They love visiting the High Street!
- ❖ We would love to share photos of the children's grandparents to help children understand times in history. Please send them into school if you're happy to share.

The Jolly Postman

A firm favourite from my own childhood is the text we are going to learn from this half term. The children will be learning about the different characters from traditional tales they read last half term, and we plan to use our new found writing skills to send a special surprise home. In order for us to take a walk to post something special to our families, please could children bring £1 to school to cover our costs during the first 2 weeks of the half term. We would be very grateful.



Here's what we will be learning in our different curriculum areas.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- *Name family members.
- *Talk about good relationships (kind, caring, trusting).
- *Find out how to be a good friend.

Communication and Language/Literacy

- *Revisit digraphs and trigraphs including 'or' (fork), 'air' (hair) and 'ear' (hear).
- * Read words with double letters.
- *Read words with two or more digraphs.
- *Share 'The Jolly Postman'
- *Explore story setting, characters and events through drama.
- * Begin to write simple sentences.

Mathematics

- *Use and understand ordinal numbers.
- *Begin to count in 5s.
- *Identify odd and even numbers.
- *Share a number of objects equally.

Physical Development

- *Develop running, jumping and throwing skills.
- *Continue to develop cursive letter formation, improving letter shape and size.
- *Wake and Shake- 'Better when we're dancing'

History

- *Ask and answer questions about the past.
- *Use sources of evidence to find out about the lives of our grandparents
- *Create a simple timeline.

Computing

- *Use cameras and a camera app.
- *Edit photographs.

Music

- *Listen carefully to pieces of music.
- *Learn and perform songs for Easter 'Singing on the Steps'.

Design Technology

- *Plan, make and evaluate a sandwich for Goldilocks' party at the end of our story book.

Daily messages can be given to the staff member on the gate in the morning or please email the office. Our Red Class blog is available every Friday through ParentApp. I look forward to seeing everyone at parent consultations too. We're always happy to help.

Best wishes, Mrs James, Miss Andersen and Mrs Hampton