

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Green Class



A big well done to both stay at home superheroes and in school superheroes for the last half term. The resilience, co-operation and support that has been provided by everyone has been amazing. Soon we will all be back together again. Daily planning will continue to be sent home via parent app until March 8th when all children return to school. Careful planning for transition back to school is being organised alongside Mrs Moss and Miss Townsend. We have started this half term with our new topic, 'Native Americans'. As a class we will be working towards a 'celebration day'. We also have our class assembly this month which will take the form of a video on YouTube to share all of our learning!

English To start this half term, we are going to be reading the story 'The Garden'. We are using this story as inspiration for our new retell which is about Jenny and a flint. We will be doing lots of reading and retelling of the story to help us before we will be writing our own stories. We will be focusing on the structure of a sentence, using: capital letters; spelling words phonetically; always including a verb and a full stop and checking it all makes sense. We will also be reading some non-fiction texts to build our comprehension skills.

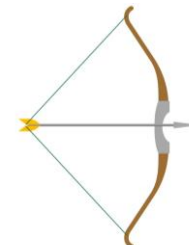
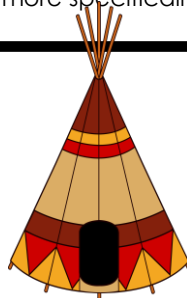
In phonics, we will continue to learn alternative graphemes for known sounds before we move on to alternative spellings. We are going to be focussing a lot on reading this half term. Children will bring home a levelled reading book matched to the phonics learning and for some a second book to practise previously taught phonics. Reading at home will help to build their fluency.

Daily handwriting will be taking place, with a focus on joining letters. We will also be doing write dance sessions to help with fine motor control. Please encourage joining when handwriting at home and take any opportunity to write with your children.

Maths

We are starting our maths learning this half term by looking at number. We will be reading, writing and counting numbers to 100, making sure to talk about the numbers using the number knowledge that we have learnt so far. We will also be learning to recognise and use coins this half term. We will be learning what coins look like, how much they are worth and then using this knowledge to make different amounts. We will then be working through stages of addition and subtraction by using concrete objects, calculating mentally, using written methods and then problem solving.

Next, will be starting to learn about measuring length and height of objects, first using non-standard measures such as hands or feet before moving onto using a ruler. We are also starting to look at multiplication and division facts, more specifically the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.



Extras

Snacks – Please send children into school with 1 small healthy snack such as fruit. Alternatively, the children could purchase a snack from our school tuck shop. Please send children in with some money (30p) if this is what you choose.

PE- PE is now going to take place on a Wednesday. Please send children in with a jumper or fleece to wear for outdoor PE as it may still be cold during our outdoor lessons.

Forest School- this will take place in our class bubble on Tuesdays.

On Forest School days, children can come to school dressed in jogging bottoms and their usual school top. It is a good idea to send in a warm pair of socks on Forest School days or they can stay in PE bags. We have all necessary waterproofs but please make sure we have a pair of named wellington boots in school which still fit! If you would like to check your children's wellies, please let us know.

Topic

Our new topic is 'The Native Americans' and we will be working as a class to create both a celebration day and our virtual class assembly. We will be learning our new retell, 'The Garden', performing a traditional Native American dance, and create a class book all about the Native Americans to share with our friends and families.

We are starting our topic learning by focussing on Design Technology. At the end of our DT learning, we will have designed and made our own dreamcatchers. Throughout our lessons we will be learning about dreamcatchers, designing our own, practising skills that we will need to use and finally making the product. Our next topic will be History. We will be learning about different aspects of Native American life, including how they lived, what they ate and the clothes that they wore.

If there is anything you wish to speak about, please email office@blackwell.worcs.sch.uk or telephone the school office and leave a message so we can get back to you.

Thank you for your support,
Miss Davis, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Garner and Ms Cain