

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Green Class



Welcome to the last half term in Green Class! We've had almost a year of learning together and what a lot of learning has taken place! You're almost ready for Year Two and all of the challenges that lie ahead of you, but for the next six weeks we've got to pack in as much exciting learning as we can and enjoy being Year One for a little bit longer. We've got two exciting topics to help us to develop that learning. We are starting with our first topic of 'Fantasy World' and finishing our fantastic year with 'Deep in the Jungle'. How exciting!



Topic

We are starting our topic learning by focussing on Art. We will be learning about collage by learning about different artists, such as Richard Long and Patrick Heron. We will be taking inspiration from these artists to help us with creating our own lovely pieces of artwork.

Our next topic will be Design technology, in which we will be learning about the skills we need to create delicious pastry snacks! The skills we will be learning are rolling, cutting, mixing and kneading.

Our final topic will be Science. For this topic we will be learning all about the energy, forces and space. More specifically, we will be looking at light and sound and describing what happens when we change things.



English

To start this half term, we are going to be reading the story 'The Dragon of an Ordinary Family'. We are using this story as inspiration for writing sentences, before we begin to write our own stories based on the story. We will be focusing on the structure of a sentence: capital letter, having a verb, full stop, finger spaces and checking it makes sense. We will also be reading lots of different texts to build our comprehension skills.

In phonics, we will continue to learn about alternative spellings for different sounds. We are going to be focussing a lot on reading this half term. Children will continue to bring home a levelled reading book and a phonics book every Monday to practise reading at home and build their fluency. Please return your children's books every Monday so we can change them.

Daily handwriting will be taking place, with a focus on joining letters. We will also be continuing with fine motor activities every Friday to refine pencil grip. Please encourage joining when handwriting at home.

Extras

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

PE- PE is going to continue to take place on a Wednesday. Please send children in with a jumper to wear for outdoor PE as even though it is warming up, it may still be cold during our outdoor lessons.

Forest School- This will now take place on a Friday in our class bubble. Please send your child in with suitable clothes.

Clubs:

Monday – Film Club

Tuesday – Paper Games

Wednesday – Art Club

Thursday – Outdoor Club

Friday – Forest School

Maths

We are starting our maths learning this half term by investigating numbers. We will be reading, writing and comparing numbers in lots of different ways, using all of the number knowledge that we have learnt so far.

We will then be moving onto capacity and volume. We will start our learning by comparing different amounts of volume before then learning how to measure it with water.

We will then be learning about time, starting with sequencing events that happen in the day and in a week. We will then move onto telling the time, more specifically o'clock and half past before finishing our learning by learning the language we use when talking about dates.

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. (The greenclass@ email is only used during remote learning).

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

