

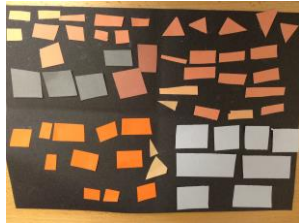
# NEWSLETTER

## for Blackwell First School- Red Class



We hope you enjoyed a wonderful Easter break. Can you believe the children are entering their last term of Reception? Our first topic, this half term, will be 'Africa'. We will work together to fundraise for the charity, 'African Promise', who work to improve the quality of primary school education in Kenya. You can find out more about their work here: <https://www.africanpromise.org.uk/> We can't wait to find out about the stunning continent of Africa, particularly Kenya. We will complete the half term with a project devoted to 'British Sport'.

### An Introduction to Amazing Africa ...



- \*African animals
- \*African patterns
- \*African mud cloth



### HANDWRITING

Now that our phonics books are complete, we will send home a handwriting book. Last term, we covered each family of letters. This term, we will continue to practise correct letter formation, but we will also strive for consistency in size and shape. We will revisit each family of letters at school and send them home for the children to practise. Every little helps. Please send handwriting books into school every Friday so we can keep them up to date. Each handwriting page will guide you through how to form each letter and you can also find Mrs Moss's handwriting lessons on You Tube. You might also choose to practise your letters in different ways. Your book is just one option.



### FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School will continue on Friday mornings. Please pack a sunhat and a labelled bottle of sun cream for sunny days.

### READING BOOKS

Books will continue to be changed every Monday to match our Phonics programme. If required, your child will receive a second book, later in the week, to support target sounds. Regular reading helps to build confidence and fluency and significantly supports reading progress.

If you would like to speak to me, please do not hesitate to book an appointment through the School Office or email [office@blackwell.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@blackwell.worcs.sch.uk). I'm always happy to help.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Webb and Red Class Team x

### WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING?

#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- \*Find out how to keep healthy (diet, exercise, sleep).
- \*Focus on kind hands and actions toward ourselves, family and friends.

#### Communication and Language/Literacy

- \*Recap tricky letters and sounds from last half term e.g. **oi** (boil), **ow** (cow), **ur** (turn) and **er** (her).
- \*Read and spell **CVCC** words (**tent**) and **CCVC** words (**stop**).
- \*Share and retell 'The Enormous Turnip'.
- \*Begin to write sentences using capital letters, finger spaces, verbs and full stops.

**KEYWORDS:** said, so, have, come, some, like.

#### Mathematics

- \*Use subitising and knowledge of number facts to quickly add and subtract.
- \*Develop our understanding of positional language.
- \*Explore and solve problems using money.

#### Physical Development

- \*Develop running, jumping and throwing technique in athletics.
- \*Revisit each family of letters in handwriting lessons and develop consistency in size and shape.

**Wake and Shake** - 'Keep on Movin' by Five

#### Understanding the World

- \*Use photographs, maps and other sources to ask questions and describe a place.
- \*Name, describe and sort animals into groups.
- \*Match baby and adult animals.
- \*Find out about religious stories and why they are important.

#### Expressive Arts and Design

- \*Create African mud cloth shapes and patterns.
- \*Listen to and appreciate music from Africa.