

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Blue Class



Welcome back and a Happy New Year! 2010 ended in style with our fantastic performances of the Polar Express which were due to the hard work, enthusiasm and mature attitudes shown by the children. We look forward to the New Year with exciting topics, projects and learning planned as we continue to support the children in becoming independent learners and developing skills for life.

TOPIC

'Narnia' is our new topic to start 2011 and the children will be planning their own learning and skills needed to create films set in Narnia for a film week in school during January.



Through ICT the children will use a photo story package and develop importing and editing skills as well as creating sound effects and adding voices.

The children will listen to and appraise music with fantastical elements and will explore, choose, combine and organise musical ideas to create music for their film.

Through Art the children will paint pictures to be part of the film. They will study the work of significant artists such as Van Gogh, Turner and Constable and use similar techniques and ideas. These techniques will include creating and using tints and tones and using brushes and strokes to create different effects.

Throughout the project we will be helping the children to become independent learners by creating opportunities for them to evaluate and review their own learning, develop confidence in speaking to an audience, motivate through the film project and enable co-operative work.

BITS AND PIECES

Please continue to read as often as possible with your child at home. Regular reading practise makes a *significant* impact on your child's progress.

If there is anything you are worrying about please come and speak to me at the end of the school day. I am usually available to speak informally after 3.15p.m.
Thank you.

Miss Townsend and Mrs Moran

LITERACY

During Literacy children will be reading and writing fantasy stories. Sentence level work will focus on the use of dialogue, better words for said and adverbs. We will also be working on using a range of punctuation to develop our writing further. All children continue to work towards their personal writing targets.

NUMERACY

Over the next month children will be consolidating and extending their use of written calculations for multiplying and dividing larger numbers. Problem solving will be on going to provide opportunities for children to apply skills learned. Mental starters will focus on the 6 and 8 times tables, using place value to +, -, x and ÷ large numbers mentally and the quick recall of doubles and halves up to 20 + 20.

BLUE CLASS WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Due to lots of exciting activities and learning taking place in Blue Class below is a list of items that need to be in school on certain days.

MONDAY: rugby kit - old trainers, warm tracksuit, carrier bag

TUESDAY: Forest School equipment - wellingtons, thick socks, extra layers, hat, scarf, gloves

WEDNESDAY: homework books

EVERYDAY: reading books, reading diaries, spelling books

