

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Green Class



Welcome back to a brand new term in Green class! We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break and feel refreshed and ready for the summer term. Hopefully you got to enjoy the sunshine and even had a visit from the Easter bunny! Thank you for all our Easter cards and gifts. To find out about what's happening in Green class and for all important information and topic news please keep checking our school website www.blackwellfirstschool.com

Topic



Our first topic for the half term is 'Picture Perfect'. We will be looking at a variety of famous artists from Van Gogh and Monet to more contemporary artists such as Andy Warhol. We will be looking at their work, their style and their history.

Our main focus will be on the work of Salvador Dali. We will be looking at his work and creating pictures in his style using the concept of our dreams as inspiration. If you decide to do some research with your child please check websites first as Dali did have some scary dreams! The focus for our art topic will be upon developing our drawing skills using a variety of colours and materials. In addition to Art our other focus subject is Science where we will be looking at electricity. We will be thinking about where electricity comes from, how to stay safe when using it and creating some simple circuits.

For the latter stages of the half term our topic will be 'Growth' where we will have a Science and Music subject focus. We will be looking at life cycles and conducting some very practical experiments learning about ideal growing conditions for plants. Hopefully we will even be able to taste the fruits of our labour!



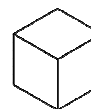
Literacy

In Literacy we will be using artists and their work to inspire our story and poetry writing. We will particularly be using Salvador Dali's idea of using our dreams as stimulus for our work. Whilst writing some fabulous stories and poems we will be working on using a variety of punctuation such as exclamation marks and speech marks in our writing in addition to full stops and capital letters. We will also continue to work on using adjectives and connectives as well as our personal targets for writing.



Numeracy

We will be starting the half term by securing our number facts such as halves and doubles and developing our understanding of 2-D and 3-D shapes. In the second half of the half term we will work on handling data and measures which will involve collecting data from our growing work by using different objects to measure and then representing our findings in different ways including using ICT.



Bits and Pieces

*As the warmer weather is approaching, on sunny days please ensure your child has a hat and comes to school with sun cream applied.

*Please can you take a minute to ensure that the office has all necessary information regarding any allergies your child may have.

*Can you ensure that children have a fully labelled PE kit in school at all times especially well fitting pumps as we will be having outdoor PE lessons. If your child's PE kit was sent home with items missing, we have a box of mislaid kit in the classroom. Please feel free to come and check in it.

* As we are continually teaching our children to become more independent can you support your children with reminding them to ensure they go home with the following things:

- Water bottle and lunchbox
- Letters (please check our website regularly to ensure you receive all necessary information as I know some letters get lost in transit!)
- Spelling book
- Homework book
- Reading book that they have changed when necessary

We will endeavour to remind them also but it is always worth a check at the end of the day!

Should there be anything you are worried about or wish to discuss further, I am usually available to speak with you informally at 3.15pm each day.

Thank you for all you support.

Miss Sims, Mrs. Cripps and Mrs. Stafford



Homework In Green Class the children have home reading books to practise their reading. These are changed by the children themselves when they arrive in the morning. Please help by reminding your child if they need to change their book or keep it for another night. The children also have spellings to learn ready for their 'spelling quiz' on Fridays. New spellings are given out each week to help practise the letter sounds learnt in class.

To consolidate the learning taking place within the classroom Year 2 children receive a piece of numeracy homework each Friday to be completed at home in their books and returned by the following Tuesday. Please remind your child to hand in their book when homework is complete.