

# NEWSLETTER

## for Blackwell First School- Red Class



**Welcome** to our third edition of Red Class News. We hope that you have had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you to you all for the support and hard work that you have done with your children during their first term in school.

The children enjoyed the trip to the theatre to see the BFG, even though some of it was quite scary!

The children worked hard last half term and are progressing well with their phonics and reading, writing and maths work.



### Topic

Our topic for the start of this half term is 'Roald Dahl'.

During this topic, the children will be looking at 'The Twits'. The children will work towards making their own book or a class book doing their own writing and illustrations.

We will be reading and retelling the story orally using actions to help them. After the children know the story well they will begin to write a simple version of their own story and draw illustrations. Also we will be making collages of the characters. Mr and Mrs Twit have a particularly messy garden so we will be getting the children to create a garden of their own like the Twits.

Our second topic is 'Circus' which will start with a circus skills day and end with a Blackwell 'Big Top' day.

### Bits and Pieces

\*Please make sure your child has their water bottle in school everyday with their name on it.

\*Also remember to send your child to school with a coat as the weather can change.

\*Please try to hear your child read as often as possible.

\*Make sure children come dressed in jogging bottoms for Forest School on Thursdays.

\*Please continue to support your child with their sounds and encourage them to blend the sounds together.

\*Sometimes we may send some maths activities home for the children to do, please enjoy!

Best wishes from Mrs Stafford and Mrs Rudd.

### Homework

This term the children will be bringing home handwriting homework. Please help them to practise their letter formation starting ALL lower case letters from the line. See the copy of the handwriting format attached.



### Communication Language and Literacy

This term the children will:

\*continue to work on phase 3 of letters and sounds and work on initial and final blends in words e.g. ee ai er etc

\*learn to read and blend a variety of words

\*developing fluency and awareness of punctuation when reading

\*develop their sentence writing using capital letters and full stops

\*develop their speaking and listening skills

\*develop letter formation and handwriting

### Problem Solving Reasoning and Number



The children will learn to:

\*add 2 small numbers together by counting on from the largest number using prepared number lines

\*subtract small numbers practically and on a prepared number line

\*read write and order numbers to 20

\*count in 2s, 5s and 10s

\*develop their understanding of mathematical language

\*think about how to measure length

\*solve problems

### Knowledge and Understanding of the World

The children will learn to:

\*develop an awareness of the local environment

\*develop a range of ICT skills

\*explore the environment using their senses

\*notice changes in the environment

### Creative Development

The children will learn to:

\*develop their role play

\*develop art techniques to create

\*compose and perform simple songs, music

### Physical Development

The children will learn to:

\*develop their fine motor control, handwriting patterns, Write Dance, letter formation

\*to move imaginatively to music