

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Blue Class



Welcome back after the half term break. Last half term ended in style with a Blackwell 'Oscars' day where Blue Class shared their Narnia films with the rest of the school. The children, who looked very smart in their outfits, worked with enthusiasm during the project and should be very proud of their end results. Decision making and collaboration were areas of independent learning that were developed during this project. As we begin the second half of this academic year we will continue to help the children develop their independent learning skills.

TOPIC

'Tell me a story' is our new topic through which the children will be planning their own learning and skills needed to create a story sack for reception children in a different Worcestershire first school.

Through Art the children will use a range of textiles and develop their joining and finishing techniques to make puppets of their story characters.

The children will experiment with different type of forces through their Science work such as magnetism and friction. They will then apply their knowledge to create a puzzle or game for their story sack.

ICT sessions will see the children practise their word processing skills to help them become more efficient and accurate with typing, spacing and using different punctuation. They will use these skills to write letters and emails to the children who will be receiving their story sacks.

Throughout the project we will be helping the children to develop their collaborative skills by supporting them to work with different children, being open minded and making decisions that may not be their preferred choice.

LITERACY

During Literacy children will be reading and writing letters to communicate with children from a different first school. Sentence level work will continue to focus using a range of punctuation in addition to using different sentence starts and powerful verbs. Phonics will focus on a range of long vowel phonemes such as ai and ea and other spelling conventions including -ous and -ious endings and apostrophes for possession.

NUMERACY

Over the next month children will be developing their data handling skills and interpretation of information. They will also extend their understanding of measures and explore angles, perimeter and area. Mental starters will focus on the 8 times tables, making estimates, adding and subtracting 2 2-digit numbers mentally and finding quarters of numbers.

BITS AND PIECES

Forest School sessions will continue to take place on Tuesday mornings. On those days children can come to school in tracksuit bottoms, extra layers with wellies and thick socks. School will provide water proof coats and trousers, funded by the PTA. Your child can keep their wellies and socks in school each week if this is convenient to parents.

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

Thank you for your continued support.

WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB

During our 'Tell me a story' topic Blue Class will be able to take part in a Wednesday lunchtime book club. Children can bring in their favourite or current book from home to read and share with others. I am hoping this opportunity will foster a love of reading in the children.

