

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Yellow Class



We start the term with our Roald Dahl topic. Yellow Class represented the school beautifully during our trip to the theatre with theatre staff commenting on their good behaviour! The BFG provided an excellent introduction to the weird and wonderful world of Dahl and his entertaining use of language! During the latter part of the half term the children will enjoy a day of circus skills as they prepare to open their very own circus!

Literacy

Our class story is 'The Magic Finger'. Lots of oral storytelling will help us to write well-structured and entertaining stories based on this Roald Dahl classic. We will also focus on writing detailed sentences using different sentence starts, connectives and clauses. During a short unit on riddles we will learn to 'play' with language as we explore similes and alliteration.

Maternity Cover

We are pleased to welcome Miss Evans to Yellow Class. Over the next couple of weeks Miss Evans will help me to dismiss the class so that she can begin to familiarise herself with Yellow Class families- remember to wave! To aid the transition Miss Evans will be working with small groups of children as a teaching assistant until the summer term when she will become the class teacher



Numeracy

We will be learning to read the time and to solve time differences. Efficient methods of addition and subtraction on a number line will also be taught as well as fractions. Oral mental starters will focus on multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. Working out doubles and halves of 2 and 3 digit numbers using place value knowledge. We will also continue to quickly recall times tables and number bond facts to 50 and then 100.

Bits and Pieces

- ♦ Wednesday is PE day. Please make sure long hair is tied back to keep the children safe in gymnastics.
- ♦ Certificates and examples of learning from home only make great props for show and tell. Please keep toys safe at home.
- ♦ Forest School returns on Friday 13th January. The children may come dressed to school in their school jumper, joggers and trainers. They will also need thick socks to keep their feet warm.
- ♦ If you have any spare time, it is always a good idea to practise your keyword spelling - spellings can be found on the learning zone.

Topic

Our project this half term is to create a Roald Dahl inspired storybook to share with Red Class. The children will develop their drawing skills in art in order to design their own illustrations just like Quentin Blake. During ICT lessons the children will learn to import and edit pictures and type their stories. We will also use the laminator and binding machine to finish our books.



During this topic the children will learn to carefully reflect upon their own work and the work of their peers. They will become more confident in seeing the next steps in their learning and knowing how to improve their work.

Roald Dahl Library

The children may borrow a Dahl classic from our class library. The class librarian will stamp the return date in your child's reading diary.

If you need any further help, please do not hesitate to see me after school.

Mrs Webb, Miss Evans, Mrs Morgan and Mrs Franklin.