

# NEWSLETTER

## for Blackwell First School- Green Class



Welcome back to a new half term in Green Class. Last half term we had a super start to the year. The children have settled back into school happily and I can already see lots of progress that has been made with the children's learning. Our first two topics, 'The Bronze Age' and 'Into the Woods' provided opportunities for exciting learning. We went on a woodland walk, created some lovely artwork with our artist in residence, Mark Riley, took part in a sponsored mile and lots of lovely story retelling and writing. What a great first half term we have had! There are lots of exciting things happening during this half term too.

### English

To start the half term, we will be reading about 'The Baby Who Wouldn't Go To Bed' and discussing the adventure the baby went on. We are using this adventure as inspiration to write about our own adventures around the UK. We will be doing lots of reading and oral rehearsal first and will then write our own sentences. We will focus on the structure of a sentence: capital letter, sounding out words, including a verb, full stop and checking it makes sense. They will also be learning to extend their sentences using the conjunction 'and'. There's lots to think about.

In phonics, we will revisit all taught phonemes and learn alternate graphemes (way a sound is written) for them e.g. children have learnt f/ee/l and will now learn k/ey.

Daily handwriting takes place with a varied mixture of Writedance, practical fine motor activities and cursive letter formation.

The children will continue to build their communication skills with their new learning partners.

### Maths

We are starting the half term by looking at numbers where we will be counting on and back, reading and writing numbers to 100. We will be using our number knowledge to compare and represent numbers in lots of different ways. We will then work through stages of addition and subtraction which will include: using concrete objects, calculating mentally, using written methods and then problem solving.



Take a look at what we experienced last half term!

.....photographs on our app.....

### Topic

Our new topic is called 'Tell me a Story' and we will be working together to create a lovely project to share with the rest of the school. We will be learning a story about the UK and retelling this to the school via our zoom assembly. We will also be creating a story stick to showcase our journey through the story.

We are starting our topic learning by focussing on Geography. We are learning about the countries of the UK and it's features. We are discussing what they are called, whether they are human or physical and talking about our opinions of them. We will also be learning about the oceans and continents around the world!

Our next topic will be art. We will be exploring fabrics and how we can change it to create patterns. We are using lots of different resources such as oil pastels, paint, brusho and pens.

In science we will be exploring animals, including humans and how we can identify, name and compare them. We will also be looking at what they eat. We are finishing the topic by looking at identifying and naming parts of the human body.

### Extras

**Snacks** – please send children into school with a small healthy snack such as fruit. Alternatively, the children could purchase a snack from our school tuck shop. Please send children in with some money (30p) if this is what you choose.

**PE**- takes place on a Tuesday and is outside. As it is starting to get colder, please send children in with a school jumper or fleece to wear for outdoor PE.

**Forest School**- this will take place in our class bubble on Tuesdays.

On Forest School days, children can come to school dressed in jogging bottoms and their usual school top. It is a good idea to send in a warm pair of socks, gloves and hats on Forest School days or they can stay in PE bags. We have all necessary waterproofs but please make sure we have a pair of named wellington boots in school which still fit!

If there is anything you wish to speak about, please email [office@blackwell.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@blackwell.worcs.sch.uk) or telephone the school office and leave a message so we can get back to you.

Thank you for your support,  
Miss Davis, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Dudek and Ms Cain