

# NEWSLETTER

## for Blackwell First School- Red Class



Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed a great half term holiday and you're ready for the 'Anglo-Saxons'. During this topic, we aim to answer the following question: What was it like to be part of an Anglo-Saxon family? Our learning will help us to build an Anglo-Saxon model village. Also, during this topic, we will visit an Anglo Saxon Priory, a monastery built by the Saxon king, Merewalh, of Mercia. We will finish the half term with our **Easter** topic and Easter coffee morning. Parent consultations will also be held 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> April. Letters will be sent out soon.

### Worcester Cathedral Trip



### HANDWRITING

Each week, we will send home up to 4 new letters in a little handwriting book. The book will act as a guide for letter formation and there will be spaces to draw patterns and write letters, but you don't always need to write in the book. Instead, try chalking letters outside, use felt-tip pens on rolls of wallpaper or draw letters in a tray of shaving foam, sand or flour. You can also buy special pens to write on windows! 😊 Before handwriting, remember to warm up fingers, wrists, hands and arms. If you have any questions, please pop into school.

KEYWORDS Please see the attached sheet for this half term's keyword cards: **little, one, do, when, out, what, their, people, day, away, play.**

### WHAT A FANTASTIC TEAM!

This half term, Miss Elise Evans, a student teacher from Birmingham City University will be joining Red Class. Miss Evans will teach group work and some whole class sessions with my support. We're also very lucky to work with Mr Moran on Fridays, who is volunteering in school to support his Early Childcare qualification. Thank you to Mr Breeden, who braves the weather every week to support Forest School. What a fantastic team!

### WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING?

#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- \* Identify and work towards goals.
- \* Find out about the 'wonderful world of work'.

#### Communication and Language/Literacy

- \* Listen to and retell 'The Little Red Hen'.
- \* Use story language and repeated words and phrases.
- \* Sequence story events.
- \* Write simple sentences with finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.
- \* Use 'and' to extend sentences.

#### Mathematics

- \* Read, write, compare and order numbers to 20 and beyond.
- \* Count in 1s, 2s and 10s.
- \* Continue to recall number bonds, doubles and halves within 10.
- \* Time (timing activities and beginning to use an analogue clock).

#### Physical Development

- \* Learn basic steps to a country dance.
- \* Develop handwriting patterns through Write Dance and form letters correctly.

**Wake and Shake: 'Keep on Moving' by Five.**

#### Topic

- \* Find out how to shape and join materials.
- \* Design and build Anglo-Saxon houses.
- \* Find out about artefacts and people from the past.
- \* Develop chronological awareness.
- \* Sing with a sense of shape, matching pitch to a chime set.

PE (dance) - Mondays    Forest School - Fridays

Please pop into school if you would like any help.  
Best wishes, Mrs Webb, Mrs Reid, Mrs Cain and Mrs Roberts

