



NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Red Class

Adventures Artwork

Where will your adventures take you?



I hope you enjoyed a well-deserved rest over half term and you're ready and raring to go on an adventure with the Jolly Postman. Our project will be to open an art gallery celebrating our adventures around the UK. Later in the term, our topic will change to 'Easter' where we're hoping to hold an ART EXHIBITION for families and the option to buy some art.

BITS AND PIECES

- ❖ PE takes place every Monday. Please tie long hair back for **athletics**.
- ❖ Forest School takes place every Friday.
- ❖ Real books are sent home on Mondays and eBooks every Friday.
- ❖ Water bottles are filled and emptied at school.

LISTENING TO MUSIC AT BLACKWELL

Each half term, we focus on a particular composer or genre of music. This half term, we'll be listening to the music of Duke Ellington and his orchestra as we find out about Jazz. Each piece of music is detailed below and can be found through a You Tube search. When you listen to each piece, try to identify, name and mime some of the instruments. Is there a vocal or instrumental solo? Is the tempo slow or fast? How does the music make you feel? If you have a sibling at Blackwell, they will be listening to the same pieces of music, so you can enjoy them together.

Week 1: 'Take the 'A' train' by Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn.

Week 2: 'It Don't Mean a Thing' by Ella Fitzgerald and Duke Ellington.

Week 3: 'C Jam Blues' by Duke Ellington

Week 4: 'In a Sentimental Mood' by Duke Ellington

ADVENTURES

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- *Learn about families and people who make a family.
- *Find out how to be a good friend.
- *Explore the meaning of kindness.

Communication and Language/Literacy

- *Revisit digraphs and trigraphs including 'air' (hair) and 'ear' (hear).
- *Share 'The Jolly Postman' and identify and understand vocabulary from the story.
- *Read and write postcards.
- *Use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Mathematics

- *Find 1 more and 1 less to 20.
- *Find, make and recall number bonds within 10.
- *Count in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- *Identify odd and even numbers.

Physical Development

- * Develop running, jumping and throwing technique.
- *Take part in simple team games and races.
- *Continue to develop cursive letter formation, improving letter shape and size.
- *Wake and Shake- 'La Bamba'.

Art

- *Sort materials by colour and texture.
- *Cut, tear, overlap and stick materials.
- *Create a collage for the art gallery.

Geography

- *Name human and physical (natural) features of a place.
- *Compare a village to a seaside destination.
- *Talk about a place and how it makes us feel.

Computing

- *Use cameras and a camera app.
- *Edit photographs.

Daily messages can be given to Mrs Moss in the morning or please email the office. Our Red Class blog can be accessed every Friday through ParentApp. We're always happy to help. ☺

Best wishes, Mrs Webb, Mrs Reid, Mrs Edney, Mrs Hampton and Miss Gidney