

NEWSLETTER



Hello 'Stay at home super heroes' and children of 'Saving the world superheroes'! I hope you managed to have a lovely Easter break and enjoyed the sunshine. In 12 years of teaching at Blackwell this is the strangest newsletter I have ever written. I can't believe we are into the final term of the year. It doesn't seem long ago since the children were new to Year 1 and now they are in their final term in Green Class connected only by technology. It has been brilliant to see the way you have embraced home learning and it really makes us smile seeing all your pictures, videos and talking to you on the telephone. This half term we have 2 topics which are: Picture Perfect and Sporting Stars. We will continue to deliver

English

We will start the half term by reading the story 'In the Night Kitchen, by Maurice Sendak (The author of 'Where the Wild Things are') I will post pages for you to read each day and set related tasks to develop children's comprehension, grammar, punctuation and sentence construction. As with 'Where the Wild things are', this story will require children to use their imaginations. Daily phonics will continue to focus on alternative ways of making the same sounds such as the way an e sound can be made by e,ea,ey,ie, e-e and y. We also learn alternative pronunciations for the same grapheme such as ea can make different sounds in the words **sea** and **bread**. There is lots of technical jargon surrounding phonics and English grammar but the children use and understand the language phenomenally well and are building solid foundations for their understanding of language. Any tricky ones, note them down and ask me during telephone conversations.

Maths

We start the half term with consolidating our understanding of number by reading, writing, comparing and representing numbers in different ways. We will also be using multiplication and division facts to solve problems in very practical and musical ways. (See separate guidance on the Number Fun portal) This forms the basis for children understanding what times tables actually mean before they commence formal learning of them in Y2. Your resources from your packs will come in handy this term so please have the blue dienes (rods) and numicon cut out.



Topic

Art- we will be developing our drawing skills and painting skills using artwork from Norman Rockwell as inspiration which links well to the idea of food and restaurants from our English text.

Design and Technology- Our project this half term is to create a piece of artwork inspired by our reading. In DT I would like you to create a picture frame for it using materials you have at home. There will be research, designing, making and evaluating. The technical knowledge will be based on materials, their properties and how to join them.

The James Dyson Foundation has additional challenges online for budding scientists and designers. <https://www.jamesdysonfoundation.co.uk/resources/challenge-cards.html>

Science- as part of our science learning we will be naming, describing and grouping materials and their properties.

A note from Mrs Hampton...

As I was missing you so much I wrote you a poem which is to be sung to the tune of 'My Favourite things' from The Sound of Music:

Slides at my local park
and group games of football,
hugs with my school friends or long distance cousins,
going on holiday by aeroplanes with wings
these are a few of my favourite things.

Parties with balloons and passing the parcel,
tag in the playground, the hustle and bustle,
shopping with my mum for fun magazines,
these are a few of my favourite things.

Splashing and jumping about in the water,
echoing pool full of fun times and laughter,
films at the cinema, a brand new release,
these are a few of our favourite things.

When I'm indoors being so bored
and I'm feeling sad
I simply remember my favourite things
and then I don't feel so bad.

Now I am learning with Mummy and Daddy
school's in the kitchen, the lounge or the garden,
playing together helps fill up our days,
these are few of our new favourite ways.

Out come the board games,
the cards and the crosswords,
family walks once a day in the sunshine,
listening on Facetime to what Granny says
these are a few of our new favourite ways.

When it's over, and we're relieved
at last we can be so glad,
we might just remember our new favourite ways
and some of the fun we had!

I also wanted to show you a new
Yoga pose to have a go at with a
grown up:



If you wish to speak to us about anything, please make a note for your weekly phone call, email office@blackwell.worcs.sch.uk or a member of staff will be able to respond to urgent calls in school most days.

Thank you for your support, kind words and friendly conversations. We hope you stay safe and well.

Mrs James and Team Green x