

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Red Class



At Blackwell First School we aim to educate the whole child and to ensure children are happy, healthy and fulfil their potential in terms of development of skills for life, social and moral values and academic success.

Welcome to Red Class! We look forward to working with you this year to make sure all the children have a happy and successful year. Our half termly newsletters outline key learning and information. We also provide weekly updates through the 'Friday Fanfare' blog. This can be accessed through ParentApp and will let you know what we've been learning each week and ways you can support.

HOME READING

As a school we follow the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds phonics programme. This involves daily phonics teaching and children reading in a group 3 times a week with a trained adult. The book children have read in school each week will be sent home to enjoy each Friday and we will require it back on the following Friday for another group. At the start, children will all bring home a discussion book without words and will begin to bring home books with words once sounds have been taught. Children will also have another book similar to their phonics ability in order to give a wide reading experience. The book marked with the Little Wandle Logo is the most beneficial book to read if you read 1 book a week. Children will also have access to library books which the children choose themselves and are to be read by an adult at home. These can be changed as often as the children would like to and will have a sticker saying Red Class library. The library will be open during Play and Explore times. We will be hosting a family workshop after half term with hints and tips on supporting your children at home.



FOREST SCHOOL

The children will visit Forest School every **Tuesday** morning. We will let you know when this is starting. They should wear jogging bottoms and trainers to school with their Blackwell top on these days. Waterproof coats and trousers will be provided by school, but the children will need a pair of thick socks and a named warm hat and gloves for those chilly mornings as the term progresses.



BITS AND PIECES

- ❖ PE takes place every Thursday in the school hall. Long hair should be tied back for multi skills.
- ❖ When the children are full time, they will be able to purchase healthy snacks from the tuck shop for 50p or alternatively bring one healthy snack from home. Fruit, malt loaf, crackers are good choices. Please save crisps, chocolate and sweets for home and avoid nut products. We are a nut free school due to allergies.

Please do not hesitate to talk to us at the end of the day or email any queries you have to the office; we are always here to help. Best wishes
Mrs James and Miss Andersen

ALL ABOUT ME

This half term our topic is '**All about Me**' and our project is to create a class display, and this is what we will be learning in different subject areas:

Communication and Language/Literacy

- *Take turns to speak and listen.
- *Speak in full sentences.
- *Listen to and join in with songs and rhymes.
- *Practise letter sounds (s,a,t,p,i,n)
- *Begin to blend and segment CVC words i.e. tap, pin.
- *Explore and identify rhyming words.

Mathematics

- *Use number names in counting rhymes, songs and stories.
- * Develop an understanding of number and mathematical concepts through concrete resources e.g. cubes in egg boxes or stones in a large ten frame.
- *Begin to talk about and 'play' with numbers.

Physical Development

- *Travel, balance and move into space
- *Develop fine motor control through our music, movement and mark making sessions (Write Dance and Dough Dance).

Topic

- *Talk about personal history. Begin to ask questions and find out about the past.
- * Find out about class rules and learn about people who help us and keep us safe.
- *Draw lines, shapes and patterns to create a self-portrait.

PARENT MEETINGS

During the first few weeks, I meet families to talk about each child's start to school. Many families booked an appointment during our Reception meeting in July. If you need an appointment or wish to change it, please visit the sign-up sheet in the office or email: office@blackwell.worcs.sch.uk