



NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Red Class



Welcome to Summer Term in Red Class where we'll be 'Taking a Trip' to Ghana in West Africa. Our learning will stem from the African story, 'Anna Hibiscus' Song'. During this topic, we will find out about Ghana and what it's like to live there. The children will plan a 'Take a Trip Celebration Day' to showcase their learning. If you've visited Africa and you have photos or souvenirs from your trip, please let us know. We will complete the half term with our topic, 'Sport Around the World' when we will be holding our annual School Games Day on Friday, 24th May. Bring a blanket or camping chair to watch races and sporting activities throughout the morning on the school field.

Take a Trip with Red Class -

During our first days back, we created an African landscape.



HOMEWORK

To prepare the children for Year 1, we will send home a topic homework sheet. The children complete one piece of homework, each week, from a range of subjects. The homework sheet is **not compulsory and daily reading continues to be our recommendation in Reception**. However, completing homework from the topic grid will support learning in school and help to prepare the children for Year 1. Each week, two children will be selected for a homework certificate and their work will be displayed in the school hall.

FOREST SCHOOL AND PE

Forest School will now take place during club time at 1.40pm. Children may come dressed in their Forest School clothes (jogging bottoms and trainers) on their Forest School day.

Mrs Hipkiss will continue to teach the children on Tuesday mornings and will cover Music and Handwriting.

PE will take place on **Monday afternoons**. Please tie long hair back and remove earrings. On sunny days, please apply sun cream before school and send in a sun hat. During the day, the children may apply sun cream from a named sun cream bottle to be kept in their book bag.

If you would like to speak to me, please do not hesitate to email office@blackwell.worcs.sch.uk or I'm available after school.

Messages can be given to Mrs Moss in the morning. We're always happy to help.

Best wishes,

Mrs Webb and Team Red Class x

WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING?

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- *Know what a family is and why it is special.
- *Know how to stay safe in the sun.

Communication and Language/Literacy

- *Recap digraphs e.g. **oi** (boil), **ow** (cow), **ur** (turn).
- *Read and spell **CVCC** words (**tent**) and **CCVC** words (**stop**).
- *Read and retell 'Anna Hibiscus' Song'
- *Write sentences using capital letters, finger spaces, verbs and full stops.
- *Sequence sentences to form short narratives.

Tricky words for the term: **said, so, have, like, some, come, love, do, were, here, little, says, there, when, what, one, out, today.**

Mathematics

- *Count on and BACK in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s.
- *Continue to add and subtract, using bar modelling to support problem solving.
- *Develop an understanding of positional language.

Physical Development

- *Develop and refine ball skills including throwing, catching, kicking, rolling and batting.
- *Apply skills in simple ball games.
- *Join digraphs.
- *Form capital letters.

Wake and Shake - Waka Waka (This time for Africa).

Understanding the World (Geography and Science)

- *Use photographs, maps and videos to ask and answer questions and describe a place (Ghana, West Africa).
- *Find out about religious stories and why they are important.
- *Name and draw plants from the local area.
- *Identify and talk about seasonal changes.

Expressive Arts and Design

- *Use pictures to play and compose rhythm patterns.
- *Compose repeated rhythms and perform using untuned instruments e.g. tambourine.