

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Red Class

Welcome to the Summer term in Red Class. I hope you had a great Easter break and are refreshed ready for the new term. We start with a topic called Blackwell Bear travels. Our class stories of focus are Anna Hibiscus' song and The Big, Big Sea. Anna Hibiscus is a story set in Africa, and we will explore the idea of happiness around the world. We will complete the half term thinking about being happy and healthy when we will be holding our annual School Games Day on Friday 23rd May. Bring a blanket or camping chair to watch races and sporting activities throughout the morning on the school field.

Red Class in the Spring Term...



HOMEWORK

To prepare the children for Year 1, we will send home a piece of homework each Friday in reading folders. The homework is **not compulsory**, and daily reading continues to be our **recommendation in Reception**. However, completing homework 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. Please ask children to hand any completed work in for marking.

Enrichment and the wider curriculum

Forest School will continue to take place on Tuesday mornings. It is a requirement that children have their arms and legs covered in the forest so on very hot days when waterproofs are not needed and it's too hot for jumpers, please send children to school in a long sleeved cotton top and jogging bottoms/leggings which are not their best pair.

PE will take place on **Thursday afternoons**. Please tie long hair back and send in trainers if they are not already in PE bags. On sunny days, please apply sun cream before school and send in a **named** sun hat. Children may apply their own sun cream during the day from a named bottle.

In preparation for Year 1, the children will move between classrooms and teachers during enrichment time. (after 1.40pm) They will take part in clubs such as sport, sewing, nature and music.

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 on the gate too. We're always happy to help.

Best wishes,

Mrs James, Miss Andersen and Mrs Hampton x

WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING?

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- *Find out how to keep healthy (diet, exercise, sleep, toothbrushing, screen time).

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 stories
- *Write sentences using capital letters, finger spaces, verbs and full stops.
- *Sequence sentences to form short narratives. (a happiness song)

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

Mathematics

- *Count in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s.
- *Continue to add and subtract, developing an understanding of the equals sign.
- *Compare and measure length, mass and capacity.

Physical Development

- *Develop and refine ball skills including throwing, catching, kicking, rolling and batting.
- *Prepare for our sporting morning (23.5.25)
- *Apply skills to simple ball games.

Wake and Shake - Waka Waka this time for Africa

Understanding the World

- *Use photographs, maps and videos to ask and answer questions about different places in the UK that Blackwell Bear has travelled to and further afield. Children will use words to describe water such as sea, lake, river, ocean and words to describe land such as forest, beach, town.
- *Talk about different forces in science.

Expressive Arts and Design

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