

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Green Class



We hope that you have had a relaxing Easter break. This half term we will start our learning through the topic of 'Africa'. We will be working together to fundraise money for the charity 'Water Aid', that helps to supply countries in Africa with clean water. You can find out more about the work that Water Aid does here: <https://www.wateraid.org/uk/>. We are looking forward to learning lots of new things about the continent of Africa. We will end the half term with the topic 'British Sport'. We are going to be working hard this term to get ready for year 2!



English

To start this half term, we are reading the story 'Handa's Surprise'. We are using this story as inspiration for writing sentences, before we begin to learn about and write our own postcards and letters. We will be focusing on the structure of a sentence: capital letter, including a verb, full stop, finger spaces and checking it makes sense. We will also be reading a variety of texts to build our developing comprehension skills.

In phonics, we will be learning about alternative spellings for different sounds. We are going to be focussing a lot on reading this half term. Children will continue to bring home a levelled reading book every Monday that matches the phonics being taught in school to practise reading at home and to build their fluency.

Daily handwriting will be taking place, with a focus on joining letters. We will also be using some fine motor activities to support pencil grip. Please encourage joining when handwriting at home and take any opportunity to write with your children. Encourage them to take care with their letter formation. The YouTube films on our site can help you.

Maths

We are starting our maths learning this half term by focusing on number. We will be reading, writing and representing numbers in lots of different ways to help us to explain the value of numbers and talk about them. We will then be moving onto counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10, both forwards and backwards. We will be learning how to talk about and explain what multiples are before learning how to record them.

Then we will be learning about division. We will be learning about how we can share objects equally before moving onto solving some problems.

Next, will be starting to look at fractions. We will be learning what 'half', 'quarter' and 'whole' means by practically making the fractions and then considering fractions of amounts.

We will begin to look at weight and learn how to use the vocabulary 'light' and 'heavy' before moving on to measuring and recording how much an object weighs. Finally, we will be building on prior learning about addition and subtraction before moving on to solving problems.

Extras

Snacks – Please send children into school with 1 small healthy snack such as fruit. Alternatively, the children could purchase a snack from our new 'Blackwell High Street' store, 'Lettuce Eat'. Please send children in with some money (30p) if this is what you choose.

PE- PE is going to continue to take place on a Wednesday. Please send children in with a jumper or fleece to wear for outdoor PE as it may still be cold during our outdoor lessons.

Forest School- This will take place in our class bubble on Tuesdays.

Charity Fundraising – Within our topic of 'Africa', the children will be learning about the charity 'Water Aid'. To raise money for this charity, Green Class will be holding a 'keyword spelling quiz'. We have decided on this event to support us with our writing, as we will be writing a letter to Mrs Moss about why our charity is important. More information about the event and a sponsorship form will be sent home later this term.



Topic

Our new topic is 'People Around the World'. We have decided to focus on the continent of Africa. As a class we will be working together to raise money for a charity. The chosen charity for Green Class is 'Water Aid', as this is the charity we have learnt about during our dilemma day.

We are starting our topic learning by focussing on Geography. We will be learning about the continent of Africa, how to describe it and then comparing village life in Africa to living or being at school in Blackwell Village.

Our next topic will be RE, during which we will be learning about how we should care for the world and others, friendship and also about charities.

Our final topic will be Science. For this topic we will be learning all about the forces push, pull and twist and exploring how these forces can make things move, change shape or stop.

If there is anything you wish to speak about, please email office@blackwell.worcs.sch.uk or telephone the school office and leave a message so we can get back to you.

Thank you for your support,
Miss Davis, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Garner and Ms Cain