

NEWSLETTER

Blackwell First School – Purple Class



Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing break. I can't believe how quickly this year is going! We have already had two great terms together and I am looking forward to watching the children grow even more during their final term in Purple Class. I continue to be proud of the class for their attitude towards their learning and the personal skills they show, such as good sportsmanship. It was lovely to meet with many of you at the recent parent consultation meetings. Many thanks for your continued support when working with your children at home to support them to achieve the targets from their reports. I hope you enjoyed coming into school at the end of last term, for the after school open classroom event and also our singing on the steps performance.

TOPIC

Our topic this half term is 'Take a Trip'. Geography, Science and Art are the main foundation subjects for this topic. In Geography, the children will learn what makes places hot or cold. In Science, we will explore the properties and effects of forces. In Art, the children will make their own clay slab prints to create a piece of art work.

Music, Computing, PE and Philosophy are taught throughout the year. The school website has information about these subjects in the 'Curriculum area'.

MATHS

End of year expectations for mental maths include being able to recall 2,5 and 10 times tables and division facts, find doubles and near doubles to $20 + 20$, recall half of even numbers up to 40, + and - 9 from a 2 digit number, order numbers from 0-100 and use < and > signs when comparing them, recognising odd and even numbers, + and - two 2 digit numbers and partitioning numbers in different ways. Please continue to practise these at home to develop the children's rapid recall.

In our daily main maths lessons, we will be learning about fractions this half term.



ENGLISH

To begin with this term, Mrs Moss has given us a new book. We will read 'Pattan's Pumpkin' a traditional flood story from Southern India, written by Chitra Soundar. During our English lessons we will learn and write a retell which we will then perform with actions to the rest of the school in assembly.

Spelling, handwriting and discrete reading sessions will continue.

BITS AND PIECES

PE

PE is usually outdoors every **Monday and Thursday** this term. Please make sure your child has trainers as part of their PE kits and children who wear tights need a pair of socks in their PE kits.

HOMEWORK

Weekly homework remains optional for KS1 but it would be good practise for Year 3 to see more children completing some of the activities sent home at the start of the half term.

SPELLING

It is the expectation that children will be able to spell all the Year 1 and 2 keywords by the end of the year so whilst we don't routinely test children, instead practising daily, any support you could offer with this would be appreciated. Please help by choosing between 6 and 10 Year 2 keywords a week and practising the spelling of them. Find fun ways to keep children motivated such as magnetic/magazine letters, water 'paint', chalk, spelling pyramids, bingo or word scrambles.

SATS

There is no longer national testing (known as SATS) for Year 2 children. The school uses its internal assessment to assess the children's standards and progress, aligned with the national curriculum. This is a much more helpful indicator of the children's ability and helps us plan their next steps for learning.

Dates for your diary:

- 13.4.26 – School reopens
- 24.4.26 – Change the Rules Day
- 18.5.26 – Class Photograph Day
- 19.5.26 – Science Morning (details to follow)
- 21.5.26 – Purple, Yellow and Blue Bake Sale After School
- 22.5.26 – Sport's Day (9am)
- 25.5.26 – 29.5.26 – Half Term
- 25.6.26 – Purple Class Trip to Worcester Cathedral (details to follow)
- 1.7.26 – Purple Class Family Assembly (8:45am)
- 4.7.26 – Summer Fair
- 15.7.26 – New Yellow Class Parent Meeting (6pm)
- 17.7.26 – End of Term

ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Groups have changed for the Summer term.
(please see separate parent app message)

- Forest School Days –
- Group 1** – Friday
- Group 2** – Monday
- Group 3** – Wednesday



If there is anything you wish to ask about, please come and speak to me at the end of the day or send an email to office@blackwell.worcs.sch.uk

Many thanks for your support, *Miss Bailey and the Purple Class Team*