



Love to Learn, Learn to Care

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Blackbirds Autumn 1 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you have all enjoyed a fantastic summer break. It is with great excitement that I welcome you and your children to a new school year in Blackbirds class! We have some thrilling learning opportunities lined up for this term, and I want to share a glimpse of what the children will be exploring. I would also like to inform you that due to my Inclusion Lead role this year, Mrs Lancaster will be teaching the children on a Thursday, supported by Miss Maus in the morning and Miss Besent.

In English, our writing journey begins as we dive into writing a non-fiction report. We will also use the first part of the year developing strong foundations in writing. This will include developing effective pencil grips, posture and letter formation so that the children are able to write with stamina as we progress through the year. I encourage you to engage with your children at home, asking them about their writing, sharing non-fiction books or perhaps even asking them to help you with your own handwriting!

The children on the Read Write Inc scheme will continue to bring home two books in their book bags that we would like them to read as 'speedily and accurately' as they can. They have been making fantastic progress so far, and with more practice, they will only improve their fluency further. The children will also be able to choose a bronze challenge book which is to be read for pleasure, either independently or shared with an adult.

Children who are no longer on the scheme will be bringing home a coloured book-band book from the school library which we would also like them to read on a daily basis. This will help them to maintain their fluent reading styles whilst still challenging them with potentially more difficult texts. In school, they will be completing daily reading-based sessions that also challenge their spelling, punctuation and grammar aspects of their writing.

Please could I remind you that whenever your child reads, or you read with them, that it is noted in their Reading Diary to help them keep a record of their reading. I appreciate that it can be difficult to find the time to do this, but a date and signature to show that the children are reading would be fantastic.

In Maths, our focus will be on understanding place value, along with addition and subtraction. These foundational skills are crucial for their mathematical development, and I am keen to see their confidence grow. Practising counting and simple sums together can be a fun way to support their learning at home.



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Our Geography topic this term will take us on an adventure around the world, as we learn about continents, oceans, and the various features of different places. This is a wonderful opportunity to ignite curiosity about our planet, and I encourage you to explore maps together or watch documentaries that celebrate different cultures.

Our 6 Key Questions that we will be investigating are available to view on the Knowledge Organiser that you can find on the class page on the school website.

In Science, we will delve into the fascinating world of how animals survive in their environments. Your children will have the chance to discover amazing adaptations, and hopefully, this will inspire a love for the natural world.

Our PE sessions will take place on Tuesday afternoons with Delta Sports. To ensure that your children are properly equipped, please ensure they come to school in their PE kit on this day.

In Year 2, we have a Forest School session once each half term that complements our Science and Topic lessons. We will communicate the exact date for this later in the term when it can be arranged to suit the learning best.

Homework

Homework this half-term will focus on the key fundamentals of English and Maths. There will be weekly spellings of Common Exception Words (Red Words) on Spelling Shed for the children to learn the spellings of these words that don't follow the phonics rules. In addition, there will also be some number fluency activities on Math Shed to complete. It is crucial that the children can master number bonds to help them as we move into addition and subtraction towards half term.

In addition, the children will have a number of Project Homework options that they should complete (two each half term). They are of course allowed to complete and share as many topic related projects as they wish to. These will be available to view on the class page on the school website. Should you be unable to access this and require a paper copy then please let me know.

I look forward to collaborating with you to make this year a successful and memorable one for the children in Blackbirds. Should you have any questions or if there is anything you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Blackbirds Key Dates (More to follow)

Tuesday 15th September – Meet the Teacher @ 2:45pm

Tuesday 13th October – School Individual Photos

Warm regards,

Mr R Coy
Year 2 Class Teacher



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