



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 your little ones will be exploring. I would also like to inform you that due to my Key Stage 1 leader role this year, Mrs Booton will be teaching maths and RE in Blackbirds on a Tuesday morning which I know the children will thoroughly enjoy.

In English, our creative journey begins as we dive into writing a non-fiction report and crafting an exciting story opening. This will not only spark their imaginations but also enhance their writing skills. I encourage you to engage with your children at home, asking them about their writing and sharing stories together.

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 are making fantastic progress, so all the reading and questioning is really proving beneficial. The children will also have 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 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 comprehension 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.

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.



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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.

As a reminder, 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 term will be in the form of online spellings that can be practised on Spelling Shed which will be available each Monday for a week. We will also encourage the use of these spellings in school for the children to use them in pieces of writing.

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 9th September – Meet the Teacher @ 2:45pm

Wednesday 22nd October – Parents Evening @ 4pm – 7pm

Thursday 23rd October – Parents Evening @ 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Friday 24th October – TED Day (School Closed to Pupils)

Warm regards,

Mr R Coy
Year 2 Class Teacher



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