



Love to Learn, Learn to Care

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Blackbirds Autumn 2 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well! As we embark on another exciting half term, I wanted to take a moment to share with you some of the wonderful activities and learning experiences your children will be engaging in at school.

In English, we will be diving into persuasive writing, where the children will learn how to craft compelling arguments and express their opinions effectively. We will also be preparing for our nativity performance, which promises to be a heartwarming addition to the festive season. Additionally, we'll explore the world of poetry, encouraging our students to express their creativity through rhyming couplets.

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, the focus will be on addition and subtraction. We will be honing these essential skills through a variety of engaging activities and challenges. We will use a variety of strategies to help the children discover which methods they understand best going forward. Our exploration of shapes will help the children understand and identify geometric properties in the world around them.

In History, we will delve into two fascinating topics: Robert Falcon Scott's expedition to the Antarctic and the Apollo 11 Moon mission. These lessons aim to ignite curiosity about historical events and the courage of those who explored the unknown, instilling an appreciation for scientific advancement and bravery.



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I encourage you to discuss these topics with your children at home, as it will reinforce their learning and build connections to real-world experiences. If you have any resources, stories, or experiences related to these themes, please feel free to share them with the class!

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.

Our Science lessons will introduce students to various materials, emphasising their properties and uses. A highlight of this topic will be a hands-on investigation during our Forest School session, where learners can observe and explore the different materials found in nature. **We will communicate the exact date for this later in the half term when it can be arranged to suit the learning best and taking into account the difficulties in managing the weather at this time of year.**

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.

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.

-Blackbirds Key Dates (More to follow)

Friday 14th November – Disco (Times)
Friday 5th December – Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 9th December – Whole School Pantomime Trip (Elf Day)
Wednesday 10th December – Nativity Performance (5pm)
Thursday 11th December – Nativity Performance (2pm)
Thursday 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 19th December – School Closed to Pupils – TED Day

Warm regards,

Mr R Coy
Year 2 Class Teacher



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