



Love to Learn, Learn to Care

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Blackbirds Spring 1 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you're all doing well and ready for the sprint that is the 5 week half term. I can't believe one of them has already passed. I wanted to share some of the fun learning activities we have lined up for this half term. We're really excited about what the children will be working on!

In English, we will be concluding our story writing unit with a focus on crafting a wishing tale. This creative exercise will allow students to explore their imaginations while honing their narrative skills. Additionally, we will introduce the concept of diary writing, encouraging the children to reflect on their daily experiences and express their thoughts and feelings in a structured format. This practice not only enhances their writing abilities but also promotes emotional literacy.

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 mathematics, our curriculum will cover the properties of shapes, as well as multiplication and division. We will also delve into the measurement of length and height using both metres and centimetres. These mathematical concepts are not only fundamental for academic success but are also applicable in real-world scenarios, helping students develop practical skills that they will use throughout their lives.



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Our history lessons will focus on notable Britons who have significantly advanced communication technology. We will study the contributions of William Caxton, who introduced the printing press to England, Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, and Tim Berners-Lee, the pioneer of the World Wide Web. Understanding their impact will provide students with valuable insights into how communication has evolved and shaped society.

I encourage you to discuss the topic 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.

As the weather improves, we are excited to take some of our science lessons outdoors to Forest School, where students will engage in practical experiments. This hands-on approach will not only enhance their understanding of scientific concepts but also allow them to connect with nature in a meaningful way. I will provide you with further details regarding the specific dates for these outdoor sessions shortly.

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.

This half term, we will also be sending home occasional Maths homework to support the children in securing their understanding of the value of coins and notes, as well as addition and subtraction questions.

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.

Kindest Regards,

Mr R Coy
Year 2 Class Teacher



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