



Blackthorn Primary School

Reception Class Spring 1 Newsletter



This Curriculum newsletter aims to give you an insight into what we will be learning this term. Please talk to your child about what he/she is learning at school.

In Reception we are very lucky to be able to follow children's interests and teach and learn through a play-based curriculum. We start each term based around a topic and then see what journey the children will take us on.

This half term our initial topic is 'What is special about Winter?' We will be providing opportunities for children to explore this topic through a variety of play opportunities.

Communication and Language

The children will continue to share their news during carpet time giving them the opportunity to talk about things that happened using the past tense and linking statements that stick to a main theme or topic. Now that the children are entering their third term at school we hope to see their focus and attention developing to allow them to be fully engaged in learning opportunities. The children are encouraged to use language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations.

Understanding the World

This half term we will create a bird spotting role play area where the children are able to identify different breeds of birds and learn about how they are the same and different. This links with us taking part in the RSPB bird watch. The children will be able to make observations and discuss what they notice and explain why some things occur, both inside and out. We ask you to support your children by looking out for different birds when you are out and about.

The children will be learning about Chinese New Year which is on the 10th February this year. Both topics are a great opportunity for the children to learn about our world.



Mathematics

This half term we will be learning number bonds to 5, counting to 10, addition to 10, with a focus on number bonds to 10 and we will continue to learn about 2d and 3d shapes. Please look out for numbers in the environment so that your child can recognise the digits that represent the numbers they say. Help your child count confidently, first to 5 then to 10 knowing that the last number said represents how many objects they have in total.

Literacy

In literacy we will be focusing on the children beginning to write independently and discussing books both fact and fictional. We will endeavour to create a love for writing through exciting and engaging opportunities for the children.

This term, we will be joining the rest of the school studying the Merchant of Venice by Willaim Shakespeare! Children will continue to develop their reading skills during RWI lessons and will work on their correct letter formation.

Expressive Art and Design

We will continue to teach the children different techniques to join materials and how to use tools effectively to create something they have in mind. We will encourage the children to discuss the different textures, form and function of the materials they use.

