

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.

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to the start of an exciting half term at Blackthorn. We hope that everyone had a restful half term break.
Our topic this half term is 'Can we go to the moon?'
Children will have a lot of exciting opportunities to learn about outer space.

Understanding the World

We will be learning to:

- Explore the natural world around us.
- Describe what can be seen, heard and felt outside.
- Understand the effects of the changing seasons has on the world.
- Name and describe people who are familiar.

Mathematics

We will continue to:

- Explore the composition of numbers.
- Understand the 'one more/one less than' relationship between numbers.
- Compose and decompose shapes to recognise shapes can also have other shapes within in it, just like numbers can.

Subitise – look at a group of objects and realise how many there are without counting.

Communication and Language

We will be learning to:

- Articulate our ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences.
- Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding.
- Use new vocabulary through the day.



Literacy

We will be learning to:

- Read simple phrases and sentences.
- Spell words by identifying the sounds.
- Form letters correctly.

Expressive Art and Design

We will be learning to:

- Return to and build on previous experiences.
- Listen with increased attention to sounds.
- Remember and sing entire songs.
- Create our own songs or improvise a song around one we know.
- Watch and talk about dance and performance art, expressing feelings and responses.

Home Reading

Your child will bring home two reading books every week. One will be their phonics reading book and the other will be their library book. Please read with your child for 10 minutes every night and write a comment in their home school diary.



Book and Biscuit

Our Book and Biscuit sessions are held every Friday, 8.30-8.45am. The sessions are very informal, and they promote reading for pleasure between home and school.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

