



# Blackthorn Primary School

## Reception Class Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome to Apple Class! We are looking forward to welcoming children to our Reception Class.

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 / Carers

We hope you have had a restful break. We have a very exciting term planned ahead with lots going on. The children have settled in very well and they continue to apply the rules and routines set in place. This term the children will have fun and exciting learning opportunities linked to our whole school and trust RSC project based on the William Shakespeare comedy **The Tempest**. In addition to children will be exploring the topic of Pirates and under the sea.

We will continue to use the outdoor environment as an extension of the classroom and during independent learning time the door is always open, so the children can freely access outdoors in all types of weather. Please provide your child with appropriate clothing for wet and cold weather play. It is important that you label all items of clothing, clearly with your child's full name. This helps to return any lost items back to you if found.

Home Learning	REMINDERS				
<p><b>Reading:</b> The children will continue to take home story and library books each week. We encourage families to read with their child every day and make a comment in their Reading Record. Your child also has access to Reading Eggs where they can access a variety of online reading games. You can find their login details in the back of their Reading Record. In addition, you could use the Oxford Owl website which has a number of free e-readers you could share together: <a href="https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/">https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/</a></p>	<p>The children will have PE on a Friday each week. Please ensure their PE kit is in school. We will send home their PE kits at the end of each half term unless they are particularly dirty or used as spare clothing.</p> <p><b>Please ensure that your child brings their reading books and book bags to school EVERYDAY!</b></p> <tr><th colspan="2" data-bbox="687 1574 1396 1630">TAPESTRY</th></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="687 1630 826 1977"></td><td data-bbox="826 1630 1396 1977"><p>We encourage parents to take an active part in their child's learning and share with us all the fantastic things your child can do. Parents can do this by uploading observations of their child at home using individual accounts. If you need any support please speak to a member of EYFS team.</p></td></tr>	TAPESTRY			<p>We encourage parents to take an active part in their child's learning and share with us all the fantastic things your child can do. Parents can do this by uploading observations of their child at home using individual accounts. If you need any support please speak to a member of EYFS team.</p>
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*Knowledge Organiser: EYFS Topic*

Topic: Pirates & Under the Sea		
Vocabulary		
Word	Definition	Key Facts
<b>Rhyme</b> 	Words that sound the same in their endings	<b>Pirates</b>  Blackbeard was the most feared pirate. Not every pirate ship used the Jolly Roger, pirates had their flags specially made.  It is thought pirates wore eye patches to help them see in the dark for going below deck.  Every pirate ship had their own set of rules like who would do the chores and how the treasure would be shared.  <b>Under the Sea</b>  Around 70% of the Earth is covered by Oceans.  The largest Ocean on Earth is the Pacific Ocean.  Less than 5% of the Earth's Oceans have been explored.  Octopuses have 3 hearts and blue blood.  Jellyfish have been around longer than dinosaurs
<b>Syllable</b>	Part of a word that contains sounds can also be called a beat.	
<b>Alliteration</b>	Using more than one word that starts with the same letters	
<b>Pirate</b> 	A person who sailed the sea to search for ships to attack for treasure	
<b>Jolly Roger</b> 	A traditional flag used to identify pirate ships	
<b>Habitat</b> 	The home of an animal or plant	
<b>Coral Reef</b> 	An underwater ecosystem	
<b>Ecosystem</b> 	A community of living and non-living things	

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The Tempest, by William Shakespeare	
	
	
Key characters	Plot
<b>Prospero</b> - The play's protagonist, and father of Miranda.	<p><b>The Tempest</b> is one of <a href="#">William Shakespeare's</a> last <a href="#">comedies</a>. The story is set on an island where a magician called Prospero and his daughter live. They are on this deserted island because of Prospero's brother, Antonio, and the King of Naples, Alonso, banishing Prospero and his daughter. Prospero takes revenge and with his magic and he makes Alonso and Antonio along with other characters become stranded on the island. Many events take place on the island but almost everyone feels guilty and sorry for their actions. In the end they head back to <a href="#">Milan</a>, <a href="#">Italy</a>, thanks to Prospero's spirit, Ariel.</p>
<b>Miranda</b> -The daughter of Prospero.	
<b>Ariel</b> - Prospero's spirit helper.	
<b>Caliban</b> - Another of Prospero's servants.	
<b>Ferdinand</b> - Son and heir of Alonso.	
<b>Alonso</b> - King of Naples and father of Ferdinand.	
<b>Antonio</b> - Prospero's brother.	
<b>Sebastian</b> - Alonso's brother.	
<b>Gonzalo</b> - An old, honest lord.	
Vocabulary	Definition
<b>Author</b> 	The writer of a book, play, story, or other written work.
<b>Character</b> 	A character is someone in a story – human, animal or a creature
<b>Island</b> 	A land surrounded by water
<b>Deserted</b> 	Unattended, empty
<b>Banish</b> 	To be forced out or away.
<b>Revenge</b> 	The act of giving punishment in payment for a wrong that has been done.
<b>Tempest</b> 	A strong storm with violent winds.
<b>Stranded</b> 	Anything left behind or stuck