

Blackthorn Primary School

Reception Class Summer 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.

Welcome back Reception! We hope that you had a relaxing and enjoyable break. For our final term in EYFS we will begin to start the gradual transition into KS1 by developing independence and resilience.



Book and Biscuit sessions: Our Book and Biscuit sessions are held every Friday, 8.30-8.45am and 3.00-3.15pm. Parents and family members are invited to join any of these sessions. The sessions are very informal they help promote reading for pleasure between home and school. We look forward to seeing you there.

Support at home: It would be fantastic if you could support your child by reading with them regularly at home and encouraging them to complete any reading and homework activities as independently as possible. Please remember that children have access to Reading eggs.



A few reminders:

- Please make sure all school uniform is named, including all items inside the PE kits, and during these summer months please make sure your child has a named sun hat/cap every day.
- Please can you ensure you smother your child in a high factor sun cream every morning before school when the summer arrives. At this age your child might struggle to apply sun cream themselves and will need your help to protect their skin each day.
- Please remember that your child should only bring in water to drink in school not juice.
- Library books need to be returned to school every Friday.

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Topic: During this term we will be exploring different types of transport and travel. Where shall we go? How can we get there? Children love to share their experiences of visits and their recounts really do encourage them to talk about what has happened in the past tense!

Where did you go? How did you get there? How did you feel? During our learning time, we will be looking how different methods of transport impact on our environment! So off we go!



Literacy: This half-term the children will continue to practise their speed sounds as well as recapping and learning more red words. They will take part in RWI sessions where they will be practising their reading and writing.

Children will have the opportunity to write more independently and use their phonic knowledge as they become used to writing independently. Children will be spending some time immersed in 'The way back home' Talk4Writing, which helps to build speaking and listening skills, develop language and enhance writing.

We will also continue to share lots of stories to develop story language, listening, understanding and talking about characters, feelings and events.

Mathematics: We will be consolidating our knowledge of numbers to 10 ensuring that the children have a deep understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each number.



The children also need to be able to subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5 as well as to automatically recall (without reference to rhymes, counting or other aids), number bonds up to 5 (including subtraction facts) and some number bonds to 10, including double facts.

We will also be verbally counting beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the counting system. We shall be comparing quantities up to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity. As well as exploring and representing patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally.