

Blackford Biweekly



What a fantastic start to the year! We have been so busy already! We welcomed 2 new Reception children into our class and they have settled in really well. We have PE on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays so please have PE kit in school. Library books will be changed twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays. Year one and year two have spelling tests on a Monday so please make sure you practise these at home. It is also helpful if you can read with your child at home and write in their

Reception

Reception children have all settled well into school life and are making lots of new friends.



In maths, we have been practising our counting to 20 and matching objects to numbers.

Years 1 & 2

This week in SPAG, year one children have been focusing on recognising and writing letter names. Year two children have been looking at noun phrases.

In Maths, we have been focusing on counting objects, estimating and ordering numbers.

In English, the year 2 children are reading 'The Dragon's Tears' by Manju Gregory. We have produced some lovely art work. We have also compared the



book to another similar story 'The Magic Paintbrush."

FS/KS1 whole-class

Last week, we had our first visitor of the year.

Nurse Melissa came to school to teach us about parts of our body. She also showed us how to put on a bandage. We are enjoying playing in our role play doctor's surgery.





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Welcome back to school after what we hope was a lovely Summer break. We have had a busy start to the term with welcoming the new year 3s into the Juniors. They have settled well. This term our topic is 'Our world and Beyond'. PE is on Wednesday and Thursday so please ensure your child has their PE kit. Children have homework of reading, spellings and times tables every night.

Years 3 & 4

What a brilliant start to the autumn term we have had. In Maths, Year 3 have been learning to place 3 —digit numbers on a range of number lines and have began comparing 3-digit numbers. Year 4 have been using their knowledge of place value to write place value subtractions with 4-digit numbers and have also compared them.

In English, we have began studying the fiction text, 'I'll Take You To Mrs Cole' by Nigel Gray, which is a funny but heartwarming story. This week, we have fo-

cused on conjunctions and powerful verbs the children have come up with some fantastic humorous sentences!



Years 5 & 6

In maths, we have been working with Place Value in numbers with up to 7-digits. We have been practising writing them, using place value to solve additions and subtractions and will be moving on to negative numbers, decimals and rounding.

Our focus in English is the narrative poem, The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes. We have identified features such



as rhyme, rhythm and metaphor and have been delving deeper into the actions and emotions of some of the characters.

In Science, Year 5&6 have been exploring Earth and beyond. We have looked at the size of the Earth, Sun and Moon and discovered how many hours of sunlight we have each month of the year.

KS 2 whole-class

The children have begun our topic working about the Vikings. So far, we have discovered where the Viking's came from and where they settled in the UK. We have also looked and compared the roles of Viking men, women and children with those of today. In Art, we have been developing some key sketching skills.