



# Blackford Biweekly



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 reading record.

## Reception

All the Reception children continue to settle well into school life. We enjoy our time on the bikes outside and learning through our free choosing as well as focusing on our maths and literacy work.

In maths, we have been counting to 100 and ordering our numbers up to 20. We have also had a practice at writing our numbers to 10.

We have started to learn our letter sounds in RWI, we have practised reading and writing them. We also met Fred the frog who helps us to Fred talk our words.



## Years 1 & 2

In SPAG, we have been focusing on common and proper nouns.

In maths, we have been counting and ordering multiples of 2 and 10. We have enjoyed using our new number square maths carpet to help us.

In English, group one have been writing poems about a dragon. We have entered our poems into a little competition. We have also begun to write our own version of The Dragon's Tears.

Group two have been recognising and writing letter names. They have also been reading and spelling words that have the grapheme 'oi' in.

## FS/KS1 whole-class

In art, we have been focusing on self-portraits and have looked at self-portraits by famous artists. We have used a range of different media; completing portraits in chalk, paint, felt tips, pencil crayons and on the computer. We have even varied the paper size and completed huge pictures.





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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 continue to settle 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

In maths this week, we have been learning to add and subtract 1,10,100 and 1000 to/from any 3/4-digit number. The year 4's have also begun counting in multiples of 7 and 9; they found the 9 times table trick very helpful!

In English, we have been finishing off our stories based on our reading book 'I'll Take You To Mrs Cole'. We have used our knowledge of noun phrases and conjunctions to add detail to our writing.

This week in science, we have been learning to classify different types of animals by using Venn diagrams.



## Years 5 & 6

In English, we finished our work on the poem 'The Highwayman' and were sad to see him go. We have now started to read a science-fiction, warning story and have written the opening of our own warning stories focusing on punctuation of speech and adding detail after speech. Next week, we will be writing the build-up and events sections.

In maths, work on place value continues with us having looked at rounding and also decimal numbers. Next, we will continue to explore decimal numbers.

In science, we have continued our work on Earth, Sun and Moon. We have been learning about the phases of the Moon and constellations.

## KS 2 whole-class

In topic, we have discovered that the Vikings had many different Gods. We looked in depth at Thor, Loki, Odin, Freya and Frey. We also looked at some Viking stories about these Gods. In art, our sketching skills are improving with us working hard to draw realistic eyes and noses in preparation for drawing self-portraits.