



# Blackford Biweekly



This term our topic is 'Detectives'. We will be doing lots of exploring and investigations.

The whole school are looking at the value 'Friendship' in worship.

In PE, we are doing tennis. Please can the children have a full PE kit and PE shoes in school. This term we are going swimming at Trinity swimming baths.

In English, one of the books we have started is 'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King Smith. We invited the Police lady to come to us about Road Safety so we can write to Max (the character from the story) to tell him how to stay safe. We also designed our own road safety posters to remind us.



In small groups, the whole class completed a traffic survey. We then compared traffic at different times of the day.



We have also started to read an African story of 'Lila and the Secret Rain' by David Conway. We wrote weather reports for the UK and practised reading them aloud.



We created our own rain music and rain dance although we did wish it for Africa and not Carlisle! We thought of questions we would like to ask the author about the setting and characters in the book. We were excited to retell the story in detail by creating a story map.



We are looking forward to know what other activities we are going to do linked to the story.

Next week, we have a special visitor coming to talk to all the children about a village in Africa and how they help the children that live there.





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This term our topic is 'Detectives'. PE this term is on a Thursday and swimming is on a Friday so please do not forget your kit. Also, our 'Weekly Mile' is on a Friday so please have old trainers, a change of socks and some tracksuit bottoms that you do not mind getting wet or dirty! Regular homework continues to be reading, spellings and times tables plus division facts.

## Year 3 & 4

During maths this week, Year three have been focusing on finding division facts and multiplying two digit numbers using the grid method. Year four have been continuing to look at numbers with two decimal places. Year 4 have been ordering and comparing different numbers that have two decimal places. Also, we have been looking at subtracting three digit numbers using the counting up and back method.

During English this week, we have carried on reading 'Ice Palace' and we have wrote descriptions on Starjik. Also, we have wrote formal letters to Starjik giving our opinions on his behaviour towards the children in Ice Palace.

## Years 5 & 6

Year 6 have been writing, writing and writing! They have finished work on a persuasive leaflet about Fellside and have begun a factual report on 'Life in Roman Britain'.

Year 5 have been working on different methods for division in maths and have realised how very important their times tables are for doing this! Year 6 also joined in and practised their long multiplication skills.

In English, Year 5 have been work on a presentation of the narrative poem "Lochinvar" by Sir Walter Scott. Watch out for details of a performance in the next few weeks!

**KS 2 whole-class** In science, we dissected a flower and produces some botanical drawings, identifying the different parts. We have also looked at life cycles of amphibians and will be looking at the life cycle of mammals and reptiles. In art, we have worked on designing and create our Roman pots and vases. We have continued to find out about Romans in topic and have learned about Roman soldiers and Roman roads., we are looking forward to our trip to Hadrian's wall this next week. In PE, we have started work with a tennis coach.

