



# Blackford Biweekly



Our topic this term is Dinosaurs.

PE is on Wednesdays and Fridays, please make sure you have full PE kits in for both days. Spellings will be checked on a Monday.

The children can bring something to school for Show and Tell on a Monday afternoon.

## Reception

In Maths Makes Sense, we have been practicing counting to 99 and have also met the take away sign. When we use our cups in maths, we say 'get ready to take away' and put our hands over the maths table. We have all picked up this new action really fast.

In RWI, group 1 have started work on their red ditty books. We have read them and have done some writing about the ditty. Group 2 have been working hard on the magnetic boards to make words and then to Fred Talk them.

All the children have started to learn the letter names and also have spellings in their purple books, please practise for a test on Mondays.

## Years 1 & 2

In Maths Makes Sense, year one children have been measuring using cm. Next week we are moving onto dividing.

Year two children have been completing vertical addition using funny numbers and measuring using mm. Next week they are also moving onto division and multiplication.

In RWI, year one children have focused on 'ai' words and applying the words into sentences. Year two children have been writing descriptive poems. We will also be recapping spelling patterns we have focused on last term .

In English, the whole class have created group poems linked to a stormy sea. We painted a picture to show how wild the waves were.

We have had an email from Katy The Explorer who told the children she is lost on an island. Next week, we are going to email her back with pictures and letters about what she can do to help her survive.



This term our topic is 'Dinosaurs'. Our PE days are Wednesdays and Thursdays 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.

## Years 3 & 4

This week in English Year 3 and 4 have been working hard on their new book 'Krindlekrax' by Philip Ridley. We have been starting to look at report writing and have been researching information on crocodiles. We will continue this work next week and trying to include all the necessary features.



In maths, we have been recapping methods for addition and subtraction, both mental and written. Some of us have been using number grids to help with our counting on while others have been using the compact method. For subtraction, some of the year 4 children have been using decomposition which has been a real success! Next week, we will be completing work on measures.

## Years 5 & 6

During English lessons, the children have been learning about how to write a suspense story. They have explored ways of creating suspense and showing the reader that a character is scared rather than just using the word. So far, the first three sections have been written. Next week, the stories will be finished, final editing and drafting done and a final, polished copy will be produced.

In maths, the focus has been on rounding large numbers to different amounts and also rounding numbers with decimals to the nearest whole number or tenth. Next week, we will be rounding to estimate answers and using written methods to add numbers with up to 3 decimal places.

## KS 2 whole-class

In science, our new topic of 'Forces' was introduced with a letter from Mr Newton at a Star Wars based scientific society. Watch this space for more updates. May the force be with you!

In topic, we have looked at how a volcano is formed and watched an amazing video of a volcano in our very own playground!

