



Welcome to Reception



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to a new academic year here at Blackhall Primary School!

Meet your team for this exciting and upcoming year.



I hope everyone had an amazing summer holiday, spent with loved ones, making fabulous memories – we can't wait to hear all about them! Our team within Reception this year, will consist of myself (Mrs Maguire), Miss Bowes, Miss Mason and we'd like to give a warm welcome to Miss Ridley. Although the Reception is made up of two classes, The Dragonflies and The Fireflies, we will still be working as a Foundation Stage Unit. The children will be able to explore friendships and different areas within the two classrooms and be given regular outdoor opportunities. It is important to us that children are active learners and we always try to make learning fun and enjoyable for all. We like to take a creative approach to learning and love to see our children progress.

Topic: Ourselves and Colour



Our first topic this term will be based around the concept of 'ourselves'; what makes us special and what communities we belong to. We will also be exploring 'dragonflies/fireflies', what they look like, how they develop and what makes them special. Please encourage your child to talk about the communities they belong to. Following this topic, the children will be focusing their attention on 'Colour'. We will be exploring which colours help us to explore our feelings and regulate our emotions, as well as sharing stories such as 'The Colour Monster' and 'The day the crayons quit'. Feel free to explore these stories at home, as we hope to plan many activities around this theme. We will also be conducting scientific experiments, mixing colours and sharing our artistic flair with our peers!



To top it all off with this term, Reception will be undertaking a sponsored Colour Run to help us develop our enterprising skills. The children will be involved in choosing resources for our classroom using the money we have raised.

Colour Run – Friday 1st October

More details to follow

PE: Our PE day is Friday this term

At Blackhall Primary School, our PE kit consists of a purple top with school logo, black shorts and plimsolls. PE shorts and extra tops, with the school logo can be purchased from the school office. Once PE kits have been brought into school we will send them home for washing at the end of every term.

Reading – At the beginning of the new term your child will be taught the first 31 set sounds from our phonics programme, 'Read, Write, Inc'. Once your child begins to recognise a few sounds they will be given a book to help them consolidate their learning. In addition to this, we will also be sending Marvellous Me Phonic updates weekly to enable your child to practise at home and recognise the sounds at speed. We value the importance of sharing a book with your child and therefore will be sending a library book home to help develop a passion for reading within your child in due course.

Important dates:

Friday 1st October – Sponsored Colour Run!

Thursday 21st October – Class Photographs

Last day of the half term - Friday 22nd October 2021

Back to school – Monday 1st November 2021

Attendance: REMEMBER EVERY LESSON COUNTS!

It is a National Expectation that children should attend school in order to benefit their education. The Dfe feel that 'children with poor attendance achieve less in both primary and secondary school.' Our school target this year for attendance is 96% and we ask for parents to support us by ensuring your child is in school, because if they're in school, they're learning!

As an incentive to encourage excellent attendance within our pupils, we have a weekly Attendance League and the winning class overall for the term are given a treat. Let's hope our 'Dragonflies' or 'fireflies' can be Blackhall's winners for the Autumn Term.

Thank you to both pupils and parents for your support in this matter.

Tips and reminders –

- ❖ Please remember to ring our school office if your child is absent for any reason on 0191 5864049.
- ❖ Any changes in your personal details, please update our office, in case we need to contact you for any reason.
- ❖ Don't forget to check our newsletters for any key dates for upcoming events.
- ❖ Please LABEL all of your child's clothing as this will hopefully prevent any lost items from occurring.
- ❖ Snack money is £1 collected every Monday.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Maguire, Miss Ridley, Miss Bowes and Miss Mason