



'The Dragonflies and The Fireflies'



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the Summer Term in Reception. We hope you had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed time with loved ones. Thank you to those parents who have uploaded photographs onto Tapestry regarding their child's adventures. We have thoroughly enjoyed sharing them with our peers.

Topic: If I were an animal.



Our topic this first half term will be 'If I were an animal'. During this time, the children will be learning all about different animals around the world and discussing what features they have. They will also be learning what animals need to survive and what we can do to look after them! The children will also be given lots of opportunities to apply their understanding both indoors and outdoors, accessing a wide range of resources and provision. The children will end this half term by designing their very own animal and writing about what features it has to survive!

During the second half term, our topic will be 'Where should I go on holiday?' Within this topic we will be talking about our own experiences and learning about different places of interest around the world.

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 (tracksuit bottoms for cold weather) and plimsolls. PE shorts and extra tops, with the school logo can be purchased from Tots to Teams. While Covid guidelines are still in place, your child will need to attend School in their PE kit on Fridays.

Reading – Our Gruffalo Reading Journey will continue this half term. For your child to move up our reading trail they must do two of the following:

- Watch/Practise their Read, Write, Inc sound videos
- Read their Read, Write, Inc book bag book (if they have been allocated one)
- Share their library book with an adult

In order for your child to successfully move along the trail you **MUST** record and evidence each reading activity that is completed. Please record this in their reading log. We hope to encourage a passion for reading within our children so your support in this

Important dates:

Early May bank holiday - Monday 2nd May

Last day of the first half term - Friday 27th May 2022

Back to school – Tuesday 7th June 2022

School trip – date TBC

Break up for the summer holidays – Thursday 21st July!

*Additional dates may be added.

*You will be informed of any new events/dates by your child's class teacher.

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!

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

Miss Ridley, Miss Phillips, Miss Bowes and Miss Mason