



# Blackthorn Class Newsletter

September 2025

## Welcome

### Hello and Welcome back to Autumn Term,

We hope you had a lovely Summer break, Its lovely to see our pupils back in school, They have all settled back in after the long break. We would love to hear about your summer and the adventures you have been up to.

We are planning a coffee Morning on Wednesday 24th September, so you can come in and meet the staff and enjoy a cake for Macmillan!

We have lots of exciting learning opportunities in store over the coming weeks, keep a look out on EFL for photos of your children taking part in activities throughout the school day.

If you are struggling to access EFL and need a friendly reminder please reach out to your team for support and someone will get back to you with guidance.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office, home school diaries or by email - [joy.ward@saxon.set.org.uk](mailto:joy.ward@saxon.set.org.uk)

### Your class team,

**Joy, Isabel , Kelly, Anette, Gemma and Sharon**

## Topic

This term our topic is "My Body". We will be creating family and friendships trees, looking at who lives with me and what different families may look like. Please could you send in or email me photos of who lives with your child and close family. We will be exploring my body topic—through songs, interactive stories, and continuous provision.

For geography this half term we will be exploring place knowledge, We will be using photos and creating tactile maps to locate familiar areas of school during our Geography sessions, working on using our sense's to support our vision.

**We follow the play based learning approach. This topic will be covered through role play, interactive stories, art, music, messy play etc. Following our engagement scale and children's interests throughout.**

## Our team

### Blackthorn Class team



Joy— Teacher



Isabel MacDonald —



Kelly —TA



Gemma —TA/



Sharon (Fri) TA

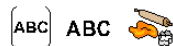


Anette (Mon/  
Tue TA

## Sensory Intergration

We will continue to take part in sensory circuits to start our day and throughout the school day through the use of the main hall, our sensory integration room and our own regulation area within class. This helps to keep our children regulated and focused throughout the school day. Our activities consist off Indoor and outdoor swing, roller slide, ball pool and dark den, gym balls, trampettes, spinners and soft cushioned areas for deep pressure massage.

## My Communication



We have a wide variety of methods of communicating in class and this is modelled by staff throughout the day. This includes Intensive Interaction, PODD, Makaton, switches and tactile signing.

We continue to push our love of reading in class during our daily tactile/sensory story sessions reading for pleasure.

Our Sensory story for this half term is 'My Body'

Adam and Eve—Call and response rhyming slang

We will continue to do Mr Tongue speech therapy every other day,

## Pre- Phonics

Each morning we take part in our pre-phonics session. This term we will be working on General sound

discrimination-Animals sound and Environmental sounds .

This includes listening and responding, Intensive Interaction, using switches and mark making activities we then apply our learning through play sessions at the end of the week to recap on our learning.

These are 20 min Sessions.

We have started a core words of the week—along with a story linking to it.

We have a Letter of the week Continuous provision exploring one letter sound a week. Matching pictures to objects and using switches to listen to the sound.

## Hydro & Rebound

Our Hydro sessions are a Wednesday morning, please send in your child's swimming kit on the day. We will work on a rota to ensure all pupils get a session,

Our rebound sessions are on a Friday morning for pupils who have permission to attend.

PE will be Monday afternoons— Focusing on 'Moving my body'



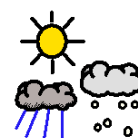
## Snack time

If you wish to send in a snack and juice for your child please do so, you can do this daily or send enough for the week which we will store in their box or fridge.



## Weather

Please remember to send your child with appropriate clothing for the weather, especially as the weather can be unpredictable at this time of year.



## Forest School

Blackthorn will take part in forest school on alternate Wednesdays with our forest school teacher Isobel. Please send warm clothes that you don't mind getting dirty and water proofs on this day.

## EFL

Don't forget to check Evidence for learning to see photos of your child's learning. We would love to see what you get up to at home, don't forget you can upload photos to the portal.

If you need help accessing this please get in touch with your class team for support.

## Cognition-

### Thinking and problem solving

During cognition sessions we are developing our thinking and problem solving skills. We follow a play based learning approach, We explore continuous provision through tuff trays linked to learning objectives.

We are focussing on early number skills this half term

## PSHE

This term our topics will be focussed on Autumn 1- Families and people who care for me.

Autumn 2— respectful relationships