



# Blackthorn Class Newsletter

Spring 1/2 2026

## Welcome

### Hello and Welcome back to Spring term,

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, Isobel and Anete

## Community and the wider world

Welcome back to the spring term! We are excited to dive into our new theme 'A Fictional Hero or Villian'. This half term, we will embark on thrilling adventures with our class hero, Marvin from Marvins Adventures. Pupils will create superhero props and participate in an interactive live story session with Marvin himself!

In history, we will explore events beyond living memory . We are thrilled to announce Clive will be visiting class to share medieval suits and stories. This hands on experience will allow the children to touch the costumes and props and get lost in their imagination, engaging their senses as we journey back in time. (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.)

## Thinking and problem solving

In our early maths sessions, we will focus on capacity and shape. The pupils will enjoy fun shape hunts around our school exploring what different shapes look and feel like while identifying them in our environment.


In science, we will be learning about animals and their habitats, with a emphasis on arctic animals and how they survive in cold conditions. This will spark curiosity about the natural world.

Additionally, we are thrilled to announce that we are creating a mini garden area outside of our classroom! The pupils will engage in planting activities, discovering what is needed for flowers to grow, and using their senses to explore the beauty of nature.

## Sensory intergration

We will continue to follow our sensory diets throughout the school day through the use of our sensory integration room and our own regulation area within class. This will help to keep our children regulated and focused throughout the school day. Some pupils join whole school sensory circuits at the start of the day, whilst other pupils take part in sensology which alerts and awakens their senses ready to focus.

## My communication- English/ Cognition

(ABC) ABC 

We continue to push our love of reading in class during our daily tactile/sensory story sessions. This story changes throughout the term based on our topic.

Pre requisites/Pre-phonics— Body percussion  
– General sound discrimination

Day1 -Listening and responding

Day 2 - Interaction, sounds, switches

Day 3- Mark making

Day 4– Explore sound through play

## Up coming events this term-

Chinese New year Celebrations

Valentines Day

Pancake Day

Mothers day

Eid

Easter



## Hydro & Rebound

Our rebound session is a Friday morning, pupils will be on a rota and take turns to attend small groups sessions within class so they achieve the most benefit and are able to work on their personalised targets.

We are still waiting some response back for rebound please make sure you return permissions as pupils will not be able to attend rebound sessions without this.

Our hydro session is a Wednesday morning this will also be on a weekly rota within class.



## Snack time

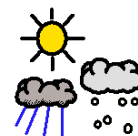
If you wish to send in a snack and juice for your child please do so, you can do this daily or send enough for the week which we will store in their box or fridge.



## 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.

Our Forest school sessions are every other Wednesday, Please could you send waterproofs or warm coat and wellies if applicable on that day. Thank you



## Class Physio

We are excited to share we are making a big push on our physio sessions in class! Following Physio advice and programmes set up by our school physios, we will be engaging in tailored physio activities designed to support our pupils individual needs.

These sessions will incorporate specialist equipment's for those who require it, as well as simple stretches and postural development exercises. To make these sessions fun we will use music and action songs to motivate pupils , creating a fun and positive environment for everyone to particate in.

We believe that these initiatives will not only enhance physical well being but also foster a sense of teamwork and enjoyment amongst our pupils.

## PSHE

We cover this on alternate weeks by joining an assembly or PHSE session and through every day play based learning . Our focus this term in our PHSE sessions is Caring Friendships and Our Bodies.