



Blackthorn Class Newsletter

September 2024

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, we did so transition before summer and have settled back well into school after the break. We would love to hear about your summer and the adventures you have been up to.

We are planning a coffee afternoon on Wednesday 18th September , so you can come in and meet the staff!

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

Your class team,

Joy, Isabel ,Nancy, Kelly and Bea

Topic

This term our topic is "All about our favourite things". We will be working on identify our favourite things in different places, requesting these, reaching out and showing preferences of our likes and dislikes. Thank you to those who have sent in photos and items from home of your children and there favourite things, please can you can continue to send these in if you have done so, so that we can share these within class we will be using these as part of our planning.

We will be using photos, creating and using tactile maps to locate familiar areas of school during our Geography session, 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

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Joy- Teacher



Isabel MacDonald—TA



Kelly —TA



Nancy —TA

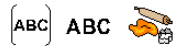


Bea —Private TA

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. Our suite consists of an Indoor swing, roller slide, ball pool and dark den, gym balls 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.

Our Sensory story for this half term is 'Hansel and Gretel'

Phonics

Each morning we take part in our pre-phonics session. This term we will be working on General sound discrimination-Environmental and Instrumental 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 will be sending library books home every Friday each pupil will chose a book to share at home, please spend some time sharing this with your child and fill in the reading record provided.

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.



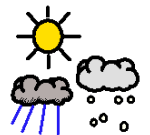
Snack time

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 Tuesdays 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 activities.

PSHE

This term our topics will be about families and respectful relationships.