

What's on this term...

Blackthorn Class



This term, we're focusing on building positive relationships, developing teamwork, and working towards our individual learning targets. We are learning how to support each other, celebrate successes, and keep trying even when things feel tricky.

Writing & Reading: We'll continue building our knowledge of phonics by learning new sounds and practising how to blend and segment words. We're also developing comprehension skills through stories and discussions, encouraging a love of books and reading for pleasure. This term we're using *Oi Frog* to explore rhyming words in fun and memorable ways. In writing, we're practising forming sentences correctly, using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We're also learning how to use adjectives to make our writing more descriptive & exciting, building confidence in writing longer pieces.

Maths: We're developing a strong understanding of place value, addition, and subtraction. We are practising correct number formation so that our work is neat and clear. To help us understand new concepts, we are using manipulatives such as counters, cubes, and number lines. These practical tools help us to see patterns in numbers and explain our thinking more confidently.

Forest School: Weekly sessions help us develop teamwork, resilience, and problem-solving skills through outdoor learning. We'll be exploring nature, taking on challenges, and working together on practical activities outside.

RE: We're exploring big questions - "Who do Christians say made the world?" & "Who are Jewish people and how do they live?" We'll be looking at special objects, learning about traditions, comparing similarities & differences.

Project Based Learning: This term's project centres around the question, "Where would I like to visit in the UK and why?" We'll be using maps, research, and our own interests to decide on a place we'd like to explore. This project helps develop our geography skills, research skills, and confidence in presenting ideas.

PSHE: We're asking and answering important questions such as "What makes a good friend?" and "What is bullying?" We are learning how to treat each other with kindness and respect, and how to resolve problems fairly. A big focus is on listening to the views of others and practising our oracy skills so we can share our ideas clearly.

PE: We're taking part in team games that build fitness, coordination, and ability to cooperate with others. We're learning to follow rules, encourage teammates, and think about strategies to be successful.

Off Site Provision: We'll be enjoying swimming, climbing and outdoor experiences at Drake's Farm. This will help grow our confidence, build resilience facing challenges and work effectively as a Team in new environments.

Cooking & Nutrition: we'll learn to stay safe in the kitchen by handling tools carefully and following instructions. We're also preparing simple meals and snacks, exploring new foods! Eating as a class helps us build social skills and enjoy a sense of community.

