



Blackbirds

Newsletter

Term 1



Welcome back to Term 1! We have had such a busy start in Blackbird class. In the first week, we learnt what it means to have an enquiring attitude to our learning. Blackbirds asked hundreds of questions inside and outside and have made a thoughtful display about all the things we wonder about in our big world.

For the next couple of weeks, we are learning all about the artist Vincent van Gogh, where he's from, his style of painting and many different things that happened to him during his life. We have put on our artist aprons and have copied van Gogh's famous painting 'Sunflowers' and made group collages of 'The Starry Night'.



English:

Children will be taking home their home readers soon. When reading with your child, there are many things you can help them with. Asking questions will help your child engage with their books: Who are the characters? Which words does the author use to describe the characters and the setting? What do you think will happen next?

The skills we will be focusing on will be practised in all of our writing. This term during lessons, we will be focusing on writing in sentences, using capital letters and punctuating them correctly. We will look at what makes an exciting sentence by using different adjectives. Handwriting and letter formation will be an important focus too.

Spellings will be sent home at the beginning of each term. Children will be tested on these words on Fridays. It is important that your children can spell these words independently.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please feel free to come and speak to me.

Miss O'Donoghue

Brain Builders:

Brain Builders are taken home on Fridays and are returned on Wednesdays. There is an expectation that these are completed by all pupils weekly to a high standard. Work can be created by pupils in any form that suits the task. An explanation is on the inside of the Brain Builder book.

Maths:

This term, we will be focusing on number, counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10. We will be using numbers to 100, comparing numbers, identifying odd and even numbers and investigating number bonds and patterns.

Each morning we complete 10 mental maths questions which cover a variety of important skills. Every Friday we will have a test based on the skills learned that week, aiming to improve on previous scores. Your support and encouragement at home in all areas of your child's learning is greatly appreciated.