



Blackbirds

Newsletter Term 2



Welcome back to Term 2 in Blackbirds! We have an exciting term ahead; it has already begun with a message in a bottle from Christopher Columbus! We will be learning about why he is one of the world's most famous explorers. Modern explorers are so important too and we will look at some of the people who have voyaged into space.

Blackbirds thoroughly enjoyed having you visit them at the end of last term and helping them with their book-making projects. Remember to check our class page and gallery on the website as it has up-to-date information about the many different things we get up to in our classroom and outside.

English:

Creative writing this term will be linked to our work on explorers and adventurers and will include: Captain's logs from a ship, diary entries and messages sent in bottles - just like Columbus!

During these writing tasks, children will be using the skills they have been focusing on in lessons: plurals, capital letters, correct punctuation, commas in a list, conjunctions and noun phrases to bring their work to life.

Spellings are being sent home today for the term. Each Friday we have a spelling test and your child has a personal spelling target to aim for. When they achieve this weekly target, they will colour in part of their spelling rainbow, leading to a gold, silver or bronze speller at the end of the term. Try to include your weekly spellings in your Brain Builders if they link, as this will help you further.

We love when we have to change **reading** books! Please continue to read with your children as much as possible.

Please check that your child's clothing is labelled and that children come to school with coats in this cold weather.

Thank you
Miss O'Donoghue

Brain Builders:

Brain Builders are taken home on Fridays and returned on Wednesdays. There is an expectation that these are completed to the child's best ability and is a time for them to practise skills they are working on in class. I thoroughly enjoyed the Brain Builders from Term 1. Thank you for supporting your children with their work.

Maths:

This term, we will be focusing on our addition and subtraction operations as well as multiplication and division.

Count in many different ways with your children in steps of 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s or have them help you with shopping and prices.

We tell the time at many points during the day. If you have a clock at home, ask your children to use it as much as possible to recognise different times.