



Blackbirds

Newsletter

Term 3



Happy New Year to you all!

Mrs Miles, Miss Turnbull and I hope you all had an enjoyable break.

Last term, Blackbirds showed their enthusiasm and love of learning in their Columbus topic. This term, we are carrying on the explorers' theme and are focusing on space and space exploration. Blackbirds finished last term writing thoughtful questions about astronauts and we are looking forward to getting started on this new learning journey together. There is a launchpad in the classroom ready for Blackbirds to build their class rocket on! You'll get to see this at our end of term Space Party - date to follow. As always, if you have any questions about your child's learning, please talk to me.

English:

This term, Blackbirds will be putting their skills to use in different styles of writing. We will create narratives about the experiences of people who have travelled to space, write instructions on how to make rockets and write our own rocket shape poetry.

In our skills lessons, we will look at using an apostrophe in two different contexts:

For singular possession in nouns: Earth's moon, and for contractions: It is = it's, he is = he's.

We will continue to work on creating descriptive sentences using interesting vocabulary as well as using conjunctions: If, when, because, so etc.

Spellings are being sent home for this term. It is wonderful to see pupils really wanting to improve their weekly test scores and even noticing the different spelling patterns when we are reading. Please continue to support your child with these as it has such a positive impact on their reading and writing.

PE will continue to be on Monday and Wednesday this term. Please make sure your child's PE kit is labelled and ready for Monday's lesson - thank you.

Blackbirds are looking for:

- cereal boxes
 - cardboard
 - shoe boxes
 - plastic bottles - any size.
- Drop them in anytime - thank you.

Brain Builders:

Remember to complete the weekly maths section of the Brain Builders too which focuses on a particular skill the pupils are working on.

Maths:

This term, we will continue to work on our mental maths every morning. Your children start this independently as soon as they come in and always aim high and do their best to get 10/10 each day.

Properties of shape, measurement and fractions are some of the areas we will be covering this term as well as continuous work on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.