

Blackbirds – Term 1

It is an exciting new school year and new classroom for Blackbirds.

It is our intention and hope that smaller class arrangements will lead to more specifically focussed learning for all the year 2's. In addition to Mrs Ivatt working in class Monday to Friday, Mrs Harley will also be continuing to work closely with the children every morning.

Our English work this term will continue to use the "Talk4writing" approach to expand children's ability to recall the language and sequence of a story to support their writing. English this term will be linked our topic on SPACE with the book. "Dr Xyrgles guide to earthlets" will be our humorous fictional text, whilst "A guide to the solar system" will be our non-fiction information text. Leading into next terms topic on famous people which will include famous astronauts such as Neal Armstrong and Tim Peaks to develop the skills to write a biography.

Our initial focus in English will be continuing to improve accuracy and fluency of handwriting and spelling by daily handwriting practise and spellings. We will also be working on building planning, drafting and editing skills to develop and improve writing presentation.

In maths this term we will be re-establishing presentation rules for maths to help children to show answers clearly and to correct mistakes clearly and neatly. We will be concentrating on writing numbers in words and understanding their corresponding numerals, value. We will be using numicon and dienes, flash cards, and unifix cubes to identifying the value of different numbers and digits focussing on tens and ones, extending into hundreds, understanding the difference between 141, 114 and 411.

The Topic work on SPACE will links into science - looking at materials and properties, by designing a space craft and suitable materials for a space suit, geography – identifying the continents and oceans and key geographical features of the planet that you can see from space. In DT and art we will be looking at making models of the solar system and "The starry night" by Van Gogh.

I hope you have had a lovely holiday and am looking forward to a fabulous new term

Mrs Ivatt