


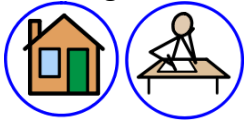









# Blackbirds Class Information

September 2023

<p><b>Who are the teachers and teaching assistants?</b></p> 	<p>Teachers: <i>Bethany White (Vera Jiang will lead Blackbirds class on a Tuesday when it is Beth's PPA day)</i></p> <p>Teaching Assistants: <i>Helen, Linzi, Julia, Chloe (Tues, Weds), Vera (Mon. Tues),</i></p> <p>E-mail: <i>Bethanywhite@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk</i> <i>If you need to contact us urgently, please call the school office on 01202 525107. Classroom based staff may not be able to speak to you immediately but will call you back as soon as possible if necessary.</i></p>
<p><b>Who are the pupils/students?</b></p> 	<p>Our friends in Blackbirds class are: <i>Charlie, Lewis, Kyle, Braiden, Ashley, Zach, Trey and Noah</i></p>
<p><b>What are they learning?</b></p> 	<p>This term's topic is 'People'. To start our topic off we will be learning all about ourselves. We will then think about the people who are important to us, the people who can help us and then we will start to think about other important people in the wider world, this might be people from the past as well as those in the present.</p> <p>In Understanding the World, we will learn about the human body, our senses and the human life-cycle. We will also take this opportunity to learn about some famous scientists.</p> <p>When working with technology, we will continue to develop our understanding around e-safety. We will develop our ICT functional skills and look at operating a variety of computerised software.</p> <p>In creative arts we will be exploring printing, portrait artists as well as listening and responding to a variety of artists where we can learn about their styles of music.</p> <p>In maths we will continue to develop our understanding of number as well as learn about measure, shape and statistics. We will take our learning outside the classroom and apply our maths in different ways.</p> <p>In English we will read a selection of traditional tales. We will complete activities based on these books as well as continuing with our 'Read Write Inc' programme.</p>
<p><b>What are we learning about in RSE/PSHE?</b></p>	<p><i>This term in PSHE we will be covering a variety of weekly sessions based around: relationships, internet/online safety/health and mental wellbeing. This term in RSE our focus will be on 'changing bodies' as always, these lessons will be personalised to meet the needs of individual students. Students will start by thinking about how they change physically from being a baby to being an adult. We will then move to being able to describe and identify these differences before being able to recognise and explain the physical and emotional changes.</i></p> <p><b><i>If you would like to find out what specifically your child is learning, please speak with their class teacher.</i></b></p>

<p><b>What could I do at home to help with their learning?</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing independence – getting ready for school, helping make meals, helping round the house</li> <li>• Reading – visiting the library, sharing books together and recognising and reading signs in the local community.</li> <li>• Linking to our topic you can share photos, create timelines and discuss important people in their lives.</li> <li>• Practice key words that your child is learning</li> <li>• Learning to cook/reading recipes is a great way to support and develop maths skills. 'Lets get baking'</li> </ul>
<p><b>Are there any good resources or websites we could use at home?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Log on to the national college using your username details – you will find numerous resources to support keeping your child safe online. <a href="https://nationalcollege.com/auth/login">https://nationalcollege.com/auth/login</a></li> <li>• BBC Bitesize has a fountain of activities that are linked to our topic <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.purplemash.com">www.purplemash.com</a> is a fantastic website with a range of learning games and activities – if you would like your child's log in information for this ask Beth.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What books or stories should we read at home?</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During literacy we will be reading a range of traditional tales so it would be fantastic for the children to continue to explore these at Home.</li> <li>• It is also important for the children to explore a wide range of texts including poetry, news reports, fact files, recipes etc...</li> <li>• If you would like a school book to be sent home for your child to read speak to Beth.</li> </ul>
<p><b>When is PE?</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday mornings. We ask that pupils arrive to school wearing their PE kit each Monday as our lesson is first thing. We are practicing out independent skills so ask that you do send their usual school uniform in a bag for them to change back into at school.</li> </ul>
<p><b>When do you go out on trips?</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have to mini-bus booked every third Wednesday afternoon so will be going on trips during this time.</li> <li>• We will regularly walk into the local community including visiting shops, the park and walking to Stokewood leisure centre</li> </ul>
<p><b>Are there other days when my child needs to bring in anything else?</b></p>	<p>We have 'Show and Tell' on Friday mornings. Your child could bring in something from home to share with the rest of the class at this time.</p>
<p><b>What snacks can I send for my child?</b></p> 	<p>We will provide a small fruit snack during the morning. You're welcome to send a healthy snack as well which they can eat during this time. If you are sending in snacks please remember that we encourage healthy eating. Also, we are a nut-free school so please do not send in nuts or any products containing nuts.</p> <p>If you wish for your child to have a snack in the afternoon you are also welcome to send this in for them.</p>
<p><b>Are there any dates I should put on my calendar?</b></p> 	<p>1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September – Inset days  Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2pm-3pm and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2pm-3pm– meet and greet sessions.  27th September – Meet and Greet with Vita phase leader 1pm-2pm Linwood campus Family room  23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October – half term</p>

**Medication**

*For us to administer medication to your child, you must complete and return the 'Medication Consent Form'; the link is on this page. This can also be obtained from the school office. Medication must come into school in its original packet with a pharmacy prescription label.*