



## Blackbird Class Newsletter 1

Good afternoon. I must start our first newsletter of the year by congratulating all of the children for making such a positive start to the academic year. The children who remained behind with Mr Taylor last week worked hard and enjoyed being in a smaller group for a short period of time. The children who attended PGL were phenomenal, their behaviour was excellent throughout the week. I couldn't be prouder of all of our children.

I will start to set reading homework for Year 6 children every Tuesday, starting this week and spellings for all children every Friday.

Please note that our first Family Friday/ Learning Together is on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9.10am, I hope to see you there.

### Homework-further information

Following the roll out of the Key Instant Recall Facts mathematics homework, we have redeveloped our reading homework to follow a similar format for **Years 1-5**. At the beginning of each half term, your child will be given a crib sheet to support you when you are listening to them read at home, which will target a different reading or comprehension skill. The reasons for this change are many but primarily it will allow them to complete homework tasks based on books they have chosen themselves. The focus for support at home is improving reading fluency. All children in the class will receive crib sheets to support at home but Year 6 children will also receive written homework.

Attached to this post is an overview of the half termly skills for each year group as well as the crib sheet for your child's year group for the coming half term. The crib sheet will give you a range of strategies that you can use to help improve your child's fluency each time you hear them read.

**Reading fluency will also be the focus for Learning Together/Family Friday this half term. This will include modelling some of the strategies suggested to support you at home.**

**Please find attached reading crib sheets for both Year groups and this half term's 'Key Instant Recall Facts.'**