

### Reading Books.

Please read with your child and comment in their reading records. Books will be changed on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Books may not be changed if they are not signed. Children need to bring their books every day. You can also access more books from home using [www.activelearn.co.uk](http://www.activelearn.co.uk).

### PE

Ibn Salamah- Monday am

Bint Qays- Tuesday am

Ibn Thabbit- Wednesday am

Can we please remind you that children should not be wearing **any** jewellery in school and should have the appropriate PE kit.

### Spellings and Handwriting.

Each week your child will take a spelling test, focussing on a specific rule that we are teaching in school. Please support your child to learn these and also to apply these spellings in their writing.

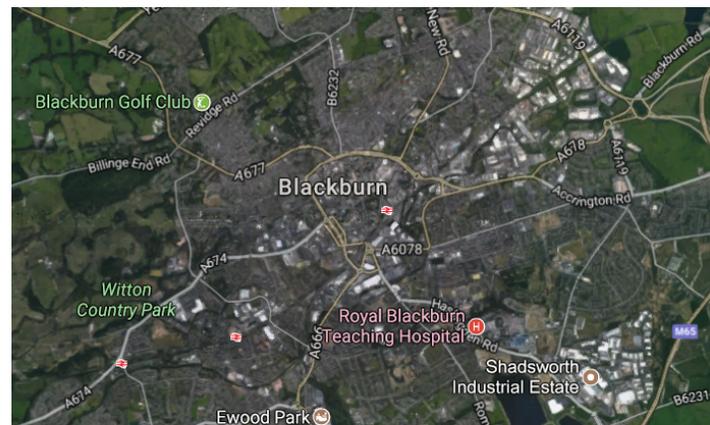
We will be teaching children cursive letter formation this half term. Please support your child using their handwriting books.



Olive School

## Year 1 Newsletter

### Autumn 2: 2017



## 'Our Town's History'

## This half term, our topic is 'Our Town's History'

The children will be learning about the following:

- **English** - We will start the half term by looking at *Handa's Surprise* by Eileen Browne. We will move on to *Man on the Moon* by Simon Bartram, *Lost and Found* and by Oliver Jeffers and *The Grinch* by Dr. Seuss.
- **Maths** - This half term we will be learning about shape and numbers to 20. We will be using 2D shapes to create pictures and will be looking for 2D shapes in the environment.
- **Science** - Our unit for this half term is 'The Human Body'. We will be learning about and labelling parts of the body as well as exploring the use of the senses. The children will also visit Eureka! to consolidate their learning.
- **Geography** - This half term the focus is 'Our local area'. The children will explore maps of the local area and on a wider scale look at the countries that make up the United Kingdom. The children will design a map of our local area and explore our new school building.
- **Design Technology** - In DT we will be studying 'Homes'. We will observe different types of homes and buildings in the local area. We will examine what homes have in common and aspects that make buildings unique, such as the dome on a mosque. We will be designing and creating a home using recycled materials.
- **Phonics** - This half term all children will have started or be working within 'Phase 5'. If you would like to support your children with this at home, please play games that can be accessed for free on [www.letters-and-sounds.com](http://www.letters-and-sounds.com), [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) or the KS1 English games on [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize).

## What you can do to help.

- **English** - Please focus on improving your child's letter formation, handwriting and neatness. Please ensure they write on the line, have a capital letter, adjectives and a full stop in every sentence.
- **Maths** - Please encourage your child to use the part-whole model and their own drawings to solve addition and subtraction calculations. Use the terms 'tens' and 'ones' when talking about the place value of digits within a number e.g. 14 has 1 ten and 4 ones. Compare numbers using the vocabulary 'greater, fewer, more than, less than'.
- **Science** - Speak to your child about their body. Can they feel their heart beating faster as they run? What senses can they use when they eat their food? Can they name any of the bones in their body?
- **Geography** - Discuss your local area. Look at maps from an 'aerial view'. We are also discussing the countries that make up the United Kingdom so this is something you can discuss at home. Please also discuss your route to school as this will help when they make their map.
- Please support your child in the completion of homework.

### **MyMaths**

If you have access to the internet, your child can log on to the website below for weekly homework tasks and games.

<http://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

The school username is: **theolive**

The school password is: **square231**

In addition, your child will need their own username and password to log in to 'My Portal'. All log in details are in the front of your child's Maths homework book.