

# Leaffield C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Spring Term, everyone. I hope you all enjoyed some special family time over the Christmas period; it's great to have the children back. In Blackman Class, we are learning all about the land around us through our topic 'Sow, Grow and Farm'. This project teaches children about the features and characteristics of land use in agricultural regions across the world, including a detailed exploration of significant environmental areas. In addition, during this project the children will learn about the visual qualities of line, light and shadow. They will explore the work of Pablo Picasso and Rembrandt and are introduced to a range of shading techniques. They will take black and white photographs and use pencil, pen, and ink wash to reimagine their photographs in a shaded drawing. We will study Nature's Art, where the children will learn the genre of land art. They will have opportunities to work outdoors to sketch natural forms and explore the sculptural potential of natural materials before working collaboratively to create land art installations.

## **HOMEWORK:**

Homework will continue to be daily, set on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The children have all agreed that they prefer something each night rather than on longer piece over the weekend. Thank you for supporting your children with this.

## **READING:**

As always, **daily reading** is an essential part of any child's learning, not only will it develop their language, thus improving their writing, but also it supports children's knowledge and development of punctuation. 15-20 minutes a day is sufficient and perhaps encouraging your children to read as part of their night-time routine would guarantee consistent reading.

## **PE:**

PE will now be taught on a Wednesday (at school) and on a Friday (Charlbury); children should come to school dressed for sports on a Wednesday and Friday please. The children will be taught tag rugby in preparation for our up-coming partnership tournament.

## **MUSIC:**

Blackman Class will continue to receive fortnightly session from the Oxfordshire Music Service; these sessions will cover the National Curriculum – the children will, hopefully, celebrate their successes with a performance to parents at some point, this term.



*Let us not love with words or speech  
but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18*

**CONTACT:**

As always, I am in school every morning and after school every afternoon, except all-day Friday, should you wish to see me. If I can help with anything, please do ask - I will always do my very best to support you and your children.

Mrs Abberley