

Year Four

Parent Newsletter

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Welcome back after the holidays!  
We hope you have all had a good rest and are ready for the next half term in the run up to Christmas. Here is what we will be learning:

Subject	<u>Learning Challenge—River Trent</u> Why is the River Trent so important to Long Eaton?
<p><b>Geography</b></p> 	<p>We will be learning about the course of the River Trent as well as the settlements that are along it.</p> <p>We will develop our enquiry skills of deducing and interpreting why rivers are important to the people who live alongside them. We will be taking a trip to the River Trent during the morning of Wednesday 4 November.</p>
<p><b>Art and Design</b></p> 	<p><u>As artists</u> we will explore the work of the great impressionist artist Monet.</p> <p>We will be learning about his life as an artist as well as painting our own impression of the River Trent at night, focussing on the brushstrokes and reflections on the water.</p>
<p><b>PE</b></p> 	<p>PE sessions will be on Mondays and Tuesdays for Nightingale class and Monday and Tuesday for Owl.</p> <p>You will need your kit in school. If you have long hair you will need a bobble to tie it back, if you wear earrings you will need to take them out. In the winter we will still be outside if it's dry and you are welcome to bring jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers to help keep you warm. If, for any reason, you are poorly or unable to do PE you will need a note from home before you are excused.</p>
<p><b>PSHE</b></p> 	<p>During the second half term our sessions will be based around 'Getting On and Falling Out'. The theme offers the opportunity for children to see themselves as contributing to shaping a welcoming, safe and fair learning community for all. Throughout the theme we will explore friendships, seeing things from another point of view, working together, managing feelings of anger and resolving conflict.</p> <p><b>S.H.I.N.E.</b></p> <p>2'H'1'N'E'</p>

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 <p data-bbox="136 152 230 181"><b>English</b></p>	<p data-bbox="288 147 1003 275">We will be developing our reading and writing skills throughout the half term by studying a range of genres including: persuasive writing, reading and writing riddles and focussing on the openings of stories.</p> <p data-bbox="288 299 936 349">Our class text will be <i>Wolves in the Walls</i> by Neil Gaiman and Dave McKean..</p>
 <p data-bbox="107 359 259 388"><b>Mathematics</b></p>	<p data-bbox="288 371 1003 455">Please refer to our website for details of National Curriculum 2014 to see the national expectations for children in Year Four.</p>
 <p data-bbox="136 483 230 512"><b>Science</b></p>	<p data-bbox="288 472 1003 606"><u>As scientists</u> we will be posing the question 'How would we survive without water?' and studying 'states of matter'. This will include developing our knowledge of solids, liquids, gases, heating, cooling, evaporation and condensation.</p> <p data-bbox="288 623 1003 757">We will develop the scientific enquiry skills of; setting up simple fair tests, isolating variables, predicting and suggesting improvements, deciding which information to collect and the best way of collecting it and drawing simple conclusions.</p> <p data-bbox="696 606 987 635"><b>Solid, Liquid and Gas</b></p>
 <p data-bbox="120 762 250 791"><b>Computing</b></p>	<p data-bbox="288 757 1003 887">We will be developing our computing skills by introducing to the children how computers use variables to count things and keep track of what is going on. Children will learn to create simple games which use a score variable.</p> <p data-bbox="288 908 936 959">Your child will be able to show you their work at home if you have access to the internet.</p>
<p data-bbox="165 981 203 1009"><b>RE</b></p>	<p data-bbox="288 976 1003 1076"><u>As theologians</u> we will focus on the Christian faith, specifically studying the question 'Why the Bible and it's stories are important to Christians across the World?'</p> <p data-bbox="288 1076 1003 1127">We are arranging a trip to St Laurence Church that will take place during the half term. Details to follow.</p>
 <p data-bbox="136 1165 230 1194"><b>French</b></p>	<p data-bbox="288 1177 1003 1278"><u>As linguists</u> we will be thinking about time and answering questions such as 'C'est combien?' and learn about: money/euros, numbers to 40, opinions and conducting some shop role-play.</p>

Please see over for information about homework and general notices. If you are unsure about homework tasks or would like more information on subjects your child will be studying please ask your teachers for help. It is vital we

### Homework

Each week the children are required to complete homework. This includes reading with your child. Homework might also include questions to investigate as well as more traditional pieces such as spellings or times tables. Ideas for additional games you could play with your child are included in the 'Fluency' leaflet which you will be given at Parents Evening.

Monday	15 minutes reading	Please make sure you know your times tables!
Tuesday	15 minutes reading	A mixture of work tasks and questions to investigate in the form of a project. To be returned to school for checking on a Wednesday. 
Wednesday	15 minutes reading	
Thursday	15 minutes reading	
Friday	15 minutes reading	Spellings—for following Friday Maths given Friday to be returned Wednesday

### Reading

Your reading book must be in school every day. You are expected to change your book regularly. Every time you change your book you will receive a merit point if you have completed your Reading Record successfully. Please ask the people you read to at home to initial your Reading Record after you have read because it will be checked. You should write the title, author, start and completion date and comment in your Reading Record – not the people at home who look after you!

### Personalized Projects

This half term your child has the opportunity to conduct a project on Rivers and the River Trent. The idea is to develop research and presentation skills and to aid motivation. Please refer to the leaflet for details.

Parents evening will be on 16th and 18th November 2015. This includes I.E.P. review meetings. Details to follow.

### Extra Curricular

Clubs will be available – details to be announced. Regular newsletters will be sent with important dates.

### Uniform

It is important that as well as trying our best we also look our best. Please make sure that the correct school uniform is worn—details can be seen on our website under 'Information—School Uniform and Dress Code'.

### Attendance

Every lesson counts – please allow your child to develop by attending school each day.

We hope you are all well and look forward to your support throughout the term.

The Year Four Brooklands Team