



Year Two

Parent Newsletter Spring 2016

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A school where everyone shines.

Welcome back after the half term break
We hope you had an enjoyable time.
Here is what we will be learning in
Spring 2:



| Subject | <u>Learning Challenge</u> |
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| History  | During this half term we will be learning how significant people have helped to make the world a better place. We will be learning about the changes Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela have made and the reasons for these changes. |
| Art  | In art we will be looking at the work of Pablo Picasso. We will be looking at the colours he uses to complete his art work. We will be mixing paint to create our own paintings in the style of Picasso. |
| P.E.  | P.E. sessions will continue to be on a Wednesday and Friday for both classes. The children will be learning to stay inside a zone when they are playing simple games involving throwing, catching and kicking. They will also begin to learn some basic tactics. Your child will need their kit in school on both days. If they have long hair they will need a bobble to tie it back. If your child wears earrings they will need to take them out. |
| PSHE  | During this half term our sessions will be based around 'Good to Be me' The unit offers the opportunity for the children to take part in small group discussions in addition to whole class situations. The children will be learning ways to relax and look after themselves. |

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| English  | In English we will be looking at the structure of narratives and writing our own using this knowledge. We will be reading the famous story 'The magic finger' by Roald Dahl and completing some work on this. |
| Mathematics  | Throughout this half term we will be learning to tell the time. The children will read o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past times. They will begin to read times to the nearest 5 minute interval. The children will also extend their knowledge of doubles and halves. |
| Science  | The children will taste different types of foods this half term as they learn about the different food groups. They will learn who Rebecca Adlington is and how they could become a successful athlete. During the coming weeks we will also be learning about personal hygiene. |
| ICT  | During this half term we will be learning how to make a programmable toy move by inputting a set of instructions. The children will be learning to write, test and amend their instructions. |
| RE | As part of our RE unit this half term to find out 'Who an inspiring person is and why?' we will be learning about Easter. |

Please see over for 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 work together to ensure your child's success.

Homework

Each week the children are required to practice their homework ready for their test the following Friday.

Reading

Reading books and reading records must be in school every day. The children are expected to change their book regularly, although they must keep them for at least two days to allow them time to read and understand it thoroughly. Please sign and comment in your child's reading record when their book is ready for changing. Please write in your child's reading record any books that they read and also every time they read. Reading Records are looked at regularly by the teachers so please do take time to write comments.

Parents evening will be on 14th and 16th March 2016. This includes I.E.P. review meetings.

World Book day will be on Thursday 3rd March 2016. Children are invited to dress as their favourite book character for the day.

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.

Library trip

On Thursday 10th March 2016 we will be visiting the Long Eaton Library. The trip will take place in the afternoon and each class will be going separately. Please keep an eye out on the classroom windows for timings. Any helpers would be greatly appreciated— please inform your child's class teacher if you are available, thank you.

We hope you are all well and look forward to your support throughout the next half term. Don't forget to check Facebook, Twitter and our school website to find out more information about what's going on.

The Year Two Brooklands Team