



Year Four  
Parent Newsletter  
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Welcome back after the half term holiday!  
We hope you have all had a good rest and are ready for the next half term.  
Here is what we will be learning:



Subject	Learning Challenge
<p><b>Geography</b></p> 	<p>Children will be asked the question, 'Where would you choose to build a city?' In the first lesson children will be given a golden ticket and asked where they would like to travel in Charlie's Great Glass Elevator.</p> <p>They will learn about different places around the world and investigate settlements, land use, economic activity and natural resources.</p>
<p><b>Art</b></p> 	<p>We will be looking at how our faces change expression with our moods. Then we will be putting them into practise by drawing Wallace and Gromit and making them out of plasticine.</p> <p>We will also be learning about different shading techniques and using them to draw animals from the rainforests.</p>
<p><b>PE</b></p> 	<p>PE sessions will still be on Mondays and Tuesdays in Owl Class and on Mondays and Thursdays in Nightingale Class.</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>Net and wall games (Volleyball and Tennis) will be taught this half term. The children will learn how to send and receive the ball over a net. Dance will also be taught this half term. This will enable the children to develop their creative skills.</p>
<p><b>PSHE</b></p> 	<p>Children will be learning about the correct use of drugs in medicine and also drugs that are harmful.</p>

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	<p>This half term we will be reading a range of texts including <i>Lost Happy Endings</i> by Carol Ann Duffy and <i>Performance Poems</i> by Michael Rosen. We will also be looking at an Explanation text—<i>Inventions</i> Courtesy of Wallace and Gromit.</p>
	<p>Please refer to our website for details of National Curriculum 2014 to see the National Expectations for children in Year Four.</p>
	<p>As scientists we will be thinking about sound and how sound is made. We will be finding out all about our ears and how they work.</p> <p>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>Children will spend the first 3 weeks looking at e-safety. They will be taking part in a whole school Online Safety Day and following this up with different activities.</p> <p>The last two weeks will be learning about communication and how it has changed over time.</p>
	<p>As theologians we will continue to focus on the Christian faith, specifically studying the question 'Why is Easter so important to Christians?'</p> <p>We will be visiting St Laurence Church on Friday 18th March.</p>
	<p>As linguists we will be 'Racontes-moi une histoire!' - describing characters and family and learning about pronouns.</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.

### 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.

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. 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 'All Around the World'. The idea is to develop research and presentation skills and to aid motivation. Please refer to the leaflet for details.

### 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