

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. 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 and English are 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!

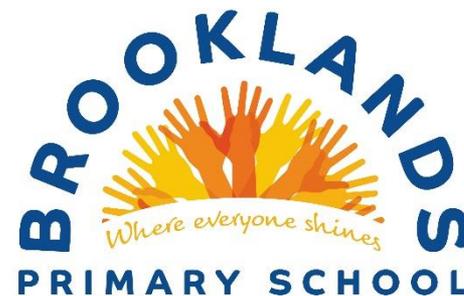
Personalised Projects - This half term your child has the opportunity to conduct a project on 'The Normans'. The idea is to develop research and presentation skills and to aid motivation.

Extra Curricular - Clubs will be available – details to be announced. Regular letters 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.

The Year Four Brooklands Team



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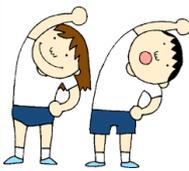
Parent Newsletter

Summer 2 2016

Mrs Harby
Miss Leivars

Welcome back after the Easter holiday!
 We hope you have all had a good rest and are ready for the final half term of the school year.
 Here is what we will be learning:



Subject	Learning Challenge – Why were Norman castles certainly not bouncy?
History 	Children will be asked the question 'Why were Norman castles certainly not bouncy?' During half term they will be re-enacting the Battle of Hastings, analysing the Bayeux tapestry, locating castles around the country and looking in detail at Motte and Bailey castles. This will culminate in a written non-chronological report which will be part of the exhibits in our Norman museum.
Design Technology	As design technologists we will be using our knowledge of mechanisms to construct pop-up books, which will be shown to younger children in the school once completed. They will also be using their writing skills to write the story and their art skills to illustrate their book.
PE 	<p>Athletics and cricket are the order of the day during our PE sessions for this half term. The children will be watching some of the Rio Olympic athletes in order to gain a better understanding of the techniques used by professional sportsmen and women. In cricket they will continue to learn how to bat, bowl and work as part of team.</p> <p>PE sessions will continue on Mondays and Tuesdays in Owl Class and on Mondays and Thursdays in Nightingale Class. Children will need their kit in school. If your child wears earrings they will need to take them out. We hope that with summer approaching all lessons will be outside. Children are welcome to bring jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers to help keep warm. If, for any reason, they are poorly or unable to do PE they will need a note from home before they are excused.</p>
PSHE 	Children will be learning about First Aid. They will be looking at how to be a young first aider and how to cope in an emergency by looking after the patient and calling 999.
Music 	Children will be continuing to learn their flute or clarinet with the Derbyshire Music Partnership 'Wider Opportunities' scheme. They will look at rhythm and notation and learn further music skills. They will also have the opportunity to take part in a music workshop with other schools in Derbyshire and the Halle Orchestra.



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English 	This half term the children will be reading the award winning book Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine, The Iron Man by Ted Hughes and using the Bayeux tapestry to infer the actions of the Normans during the battle of 1066. The children will also be honing their skills when reciting poetry during the latter part of the half term.
Mathematics	Please refer to our website for details of National Curriculum 2014 to see the National Expectations for children in Year Four.
Science 	As scientists the children will be exploring all things electrical! From its dangers to building simple electrical circuits, series circuits, conductors, insulators and experimenting with a variety of switches. The children will also be making a simple electrical game at the end of the half term.
Computing 	Children will be using their computing skills to explore, design and create a branching database through questions with yes/no answers. They will also be perfecting their presentation skills by writing instructions of how to build a castle using PowerPoint.
RE 	As theologians the children will be using their enquiry skills to make Long Eaton a more respectful place.
French 	As linguists the children will be asking the question: Qu'est-ce qu'il me faut? The children will be speaking, reading and writing (using complex sentences) about the weather, the temperature and clothing.

