

Homework

Reading- Our aim is for each child to complete at least one or two books a week. Reading on a regular basis will improve your child's progress and confidence.

Children will be given a bookmark with 20 spaces on it. Every time your child changes their reading book or library book they will fill a space with a sticker. When their bookmark is full they will receive a prize. Please remind your child to change their book. If all of the children get their book changed twice we will receive a trim trail treat where the whole class will get to go on our awesome trim trail.

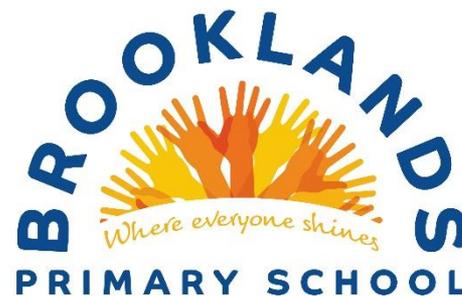
Maths and Learning Challenge homework- This will be given out on a Monday. It will alter between Learning Challenge homework and Mathematics. Everything we set for your child is to enhance their learning and consolidates learning from the classroom.

Spellings- This will also be given out on a Monday and tested on a Monday.

Attendance- We start learning at 845 a.m. once the children have organised their things. The earlier your child arrives at school the better for them and us. Some of our interventions start as soon as the children come in. Last year we had a handwriting and spelling intervention and even though it was only 10 minutes a day it had a huge impact on the children's learning. Little and often is the key.

Thank you. We look forward to working with you and your child,

The Year Three Brooklands Team.



Year Three

Parent Newsletter

Autumn 1 2016

**Miss Hill
Mrs East
Miss Rogers**

Welcome back after the summer holidays. We hope you have all had a good rest and you had lots of fun. Thank you to those of you that sent school a postcard. Here is what we will be learning about:



Subject	Learning Challenge
Geography 	<p>Our Geography Learning Challenge is 'Why do so many people choose to go to the Mediterranean for their holidays?' Please help your child to recall the continents of the world and see if they can identify these on a map. We will be looking at the countries and capital cities of countries around the Mediterranean Sea. We will be learning about Italy in more detail, with a focus on culture, geographical features, food, climate and entertainment.</p>
DT	<p>Pizzas will be the dish of the day! As we will be learning about Italy for our Learning Challenge, it only seemed natural to want to make pizzas! We will be looking at the processes needed to make pizzas. We will also be looking, tasting and weighing ingredients and then evaluating and suggesting improvements.</p>
PE 	<p>In dance to link with our Italy topic, the children will be learning Spanish dance moves and choreographing them together to create a class dance to the Spanish song 'The Macarena.' In our games lessons, the children will be playing hockey and football and learning skills such as dribbling, passing a ball with accuracy, defending and marking and hitting or kicking a ball with accuracy.</p>
PSHE 	<p>This half term Year 3 will be learning how to stay safe online when using the internet, they will become internet safety wizards, act out the correct ending to scenarios and produce a film to promote staying safe online. Our second topic is part of the Alcohol and Drugs units of work. We will be looking at the effects and impact of smoking on the human body and how passive smoking can be a hidden danger.</p>
Art	<p>To link with our Italy topic, we will learn about the portraits of the Italian artist Leonardo Da Vinci. The children will learn about the different graded pencils and how to use different sketching techniques. They will practise drawing facial features and put all their learning together to create a self-portrait. To end the topic, the children will take photographs of their facial features in different orientations and create a montage in the style of David Hockney.</p>

Subject	
English 	<p>This term we are going to be working on persuading others. We will discuss and give our opinions on a range of topics. We will think about whether we are for or against a topic and then justify our reasons in writing.</p>
Mathematics 	<p>Please refer to our website for details of National Curriculum 2014 to see the National Expectations for children in Year Three. Place value will be an extremely important aspect this term.</p>
Science	<p>Our Learning Challenge this term is 'How far can you throw your shadow?' We will be investigating and exploring light and dark. Using different materials, we will assess which block the light leading us to investigate shadows.</p>
Computing 	<p>To link with our Italy topic, the children will begin by experimenting with Microsoft Word and will practise changing the fonts and styles of the word Italy. They will then learn how to insert pictures and clipart into PowerPoint and how to save pictures from the internet. They will then experiment with transitions and effects when adding different slides. They will combine all they have learnt to create an informative PowerPoint presentation on a Mediterranean country.</p>
RE 	<p>Our Learning Challenge topic this half term is 'What do people believe about God?' As part of this topic the children will think about who the important people are in their lives and what makes them important. They will learn about Guru Nanak who is an important person to Sikhs and discover his teachings. The children will learn about the three ways of Sikh living and discuss the rules that help us to live a better life. Children will then learn about different symbols and the 5 K's and will finish off the topic by creating a musical composition which helps people to worship.</p>
French 	<p>In French, children will be learning greetings and how to introduce themselves and members of their family.</p>