

Homework - Each week the children are required to complete Maths and English homework. We would also like someone to read with your child, help them practise their Times Tables and learn their spellings. Ideas for additional maths games you could play with your child are included in the 'Fluency' leaflet .

Monday	15 minutes reading	Practise times tables!	Spellings are given on a Monday, to be returned the following Monday ready for the test.
Tuesday	15 minutes reading	Practise Times Tables!	
Wednesday	15 minutes reading	Practise Times Tables!	
Thursday	15 minutes reading	Practise Times Tables!	
Friday	15 minutes reading	Practise Times Tables!	Either Maths or Learning Challenge homework is given on a Friday, to be returned by the following Friday.

Reading - Reading books and Reading Record books must be in school every day for the Guided Reading sessions. Children are expected to read and change their book regularly. Each time a child reads their book they should write the title, author, date and comment in their Reading Record book. Please can the person at home who is listening to the child read sign the Reading Record book.

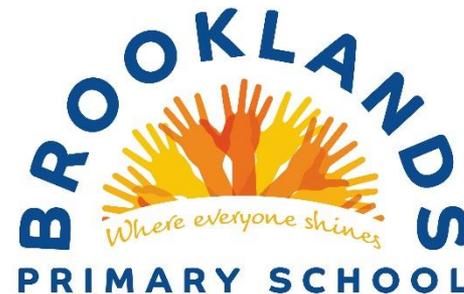
Personalised Projects - This half term your child has the opportunity to conduct a project on 'World War II'. The idea is to develop research and presentation skills and to aid motivation.

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

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 Five Brooklands Team



*Year Five
Parent Newsletter*

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Welcome back after the Summer holiday!

We hope you have all had a good rest and are ready for the first half term of the school year.

Here is what we will be learning in Year 5:



Subject	
 <p>History</p>	<p>The children will be learning all about World War II. They will learn when and why World War II began and find out about the key individuals and countries involved. In addition to this, they will discover all about evacuation; learn what it was like to live with food rationing and explore the contribution made by women to the war effort. Furthermore, they will learn important facts about the Holocaust and investigate events that were key turning points in the war, such as the Battle of Britain and the German invasion of Russia. Studying World War II will help children to develop their investigation and evaluation skills; learn to organise information chronologically and understand how past events have helped to shape the world we know today.</p>
 <p>Design Technology</p>	<p>In keeping with our World War II topic, the children will be looking into the history of the Anderson Shelter and investigating its design. This will involve experimenting with different materials and looking at what is needed to make a strong and effective air raid shelter. The children will also learn skills in adapting and evaluating their designs.</p>
 <p>Art</p>	<p>We will be looking at the challenges of drawing yourself by exploring how artists have chosen to represent themselves from the past to the present day. The children will consider different styles and techniques through sketching and photography.</p>
 <p>P.E</p>	<p>Football and hockey are the order of the day during our PE sessions for this half term. With both these sports the children will learn how to dribble, pass, attack, defend and work as part of team. They will also be taking part in dance sessions, which will incorporate drama to tell the life of someone living through World War II.</p> <p>PE sessions will be on Tuesdays and Wednesday in The Creative Comets and on Tuesdays and Thursdays in The Awesome Asteroids.</p> <p>Children will need their kit in school. If your child wears earrings they will need to be able to take them out themselves. Children are expected to wear the school uniform PE kit but are welcome to bring jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers to help keep warm for outside sessions. If, for any reason, they are poorly or unable to do PE they will need a note from home before they are excused.</p>
 <p>PSHE</p>	<p>In PSHE lessons this half term we will be covering how we can get along together and avoid falling out. We will discuss the consequences of teasing and bullying, including cyber-bullying and how to ask for help.</p>

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 <p>English</p>	<p>This half term the children will be reading the book 'Goodnight Mr Tom' by Michelle Magorian, which tells the story of a young boy who is evacuated from the city.</p> <p>The children will be linking this book to our History topic 'World War II' and finding out about being an evacuee in more detail. They will also be looking at narrative structure, how to develop characters, integrate dialogue and the consistency of tense.</p>
 <p>Mathematics</p>	<p>Please refer to our website for details of National Curriculum 2014 to see the National Expectations for children in Year Five.</p>
 <p>Science</p>	<p>As scientists, the children will learn about the life cycle of human beings. They will investigate the development of babies and compare the gestation period of humans and other animals. They will learn about the changes experienced during puberty and why these occur. The final investigation will be about the changes to the body as humans get older, as well as comparing the life expectancy of different animals.</p>
 <p>Computing</p>	<p>The children will be re-introduced to Espresso Coding and will learn the essential skills in computer programming. They will program objects to carry out various actions to create a simple animation.</p>
 <p>R.E</p>	<p>The children will learn a range of creation stories from world religions, less known or extinct religions as well as different cultures. They will sequence, compare and contrast the stories throughout the unit. In addition, they will be choosing a variety of ways to present their work which will enable them to reinforce key literacy and computing skills.</p>
 <p>French</p>	<p>The children will be learning about meal times and snack-foods in French. They will be learning to give opinions about which foods they like and don't like and will be tasting some French cheeses, bread and pastries.</p>
 <p>Music</p>	<p>In Year 5, the children will follow the Music Express scheme which will focus on 'Keeping Healthy' this half term. The children will be exploring and developing rhythm skills through singing, playing and moving, leading to a class performance at the end of the half term.</p>