

### Homework

Your child will continue to have 3 pieces of homework per week; spellings, reading and either maths or learning challenge. It is really beneficial when you work with your child to practise and complete these tasks.

When practising spellings remember little and often is key. Write the words on paper, in paint or in chalk, lots of little quick bursts of fun! You might find it helpful to make little flashcards of the words too, to allow your children to apply their reading skills further, plus this will help your child to recognise the letter order and apply it to the spelling of the words.

### Reading

Your child will still continue to receive 3 books per week, please check your child's reading record for the day, as some children have changed groups. Please make sure you sign your child's reading record when they have read their books. We also welcome comments on your child's progress and achievements.

### Reach for the Stars Reading Competition

We will be continuing to compete amongst the year 1 classes to see who can read the most. Well done to the **Super Stars** for winning the Autumn 1 competition, they will be getting a n extra playtime on the trim trail.

### Rainbow Reading

The children have started to be more independent adding their spots to the bookmark. Keep colouring spots in each time they read and when a bookmark is completed your child will receive a prize.

### Dates

**KS1 Christmas Play** – In the coming weeks your child may bring home lines to learn for their part in the play. We ask for your support in helping practise these lines. A slip may also be brought home requesting particular clothes as part of their costume. Please bring these in as soon as possible in a labelled carrier bag. If you do not have the items requested, please speak to your child's class teacher before purchasing any new items. The performances will take place on **Tuesday 6th December at 2pm** and **Thursday 8th December at 5.45pm..** More details to follow.

**Christmas Dinner** – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**Christmas Craft Afternoon** – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

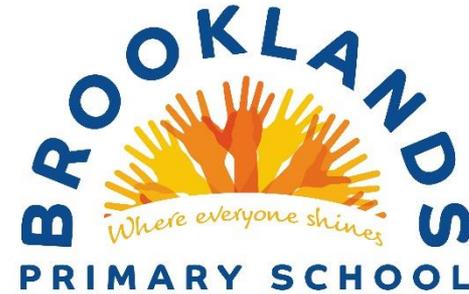
**Christmas Craft Sale** – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

**Christmas Jumper & party day** - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**Parent's Evening** will take place on Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th November 2016. This includes I.E.P. review meetings.

**For regular updates please check the weekly newsletter, school website, Twitter and Facebook pages.**

**The Year One Brooklands Team**



Year One

Parent Newsletter

Autumn 2 2016

Mrs Bezant  
Miss Plumb

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



| Subject  | Learning Challenge  |
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| <p><b>Geography</b></p>  | <p>Our Geography question for this half term is 'What do we know about where we live?'. We will be developing our knowledge of Long Eaton, looking at human and physical features. Additionally we will be looking at maps of the local area and creating maps of our school. <b>We will be walking around our local area on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Look out for a letter soon.</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Art</b></p>        | <p>In art we will be learning how to collage. First we will be comparing different collages artists have made, and looking closely at their techniques. We will then be developing our own collage skills by making colour palettes and discovering which colours compliment each other when combining materials. We then then transfer our skills to make an Autumn themed collage.</p>  |
| <p><b>DT</b></p>         | <p>In DT we will be linking our learning to instructions from last half-term. We will be designing, making and evaluating a range of Halloween and Christmas treats. We will be focussing on developing our descriptive skills to describe the texture of different ingredients. We will also be thinking carefully about how attractive our treats look and trying out different decorative techniques.</p>  |
| <p><b>PE</b></p>        | <p>PE sessions will be on <b>Wednesdays and Fridays for both classes.</b> Our indoor PE will be Gymnastics this half term and we will be focussing on travelling and balancing. We will be developing the control of our bodies, experimenting with balancing in different ways and applying these skills on to the apparatus. For our outdoor lessons we will be developing our throwing and catching skills. We will develop our underarm throwing skills and practise catching a ball with two hands. We will then apply these skills to team games.</p> |
| <p><b>PSHE</b></p>     | <p>In PSHE we will be developing our understanding of feelings, and how we can develop strategies to help ourselves and others if we are feeling in different ways. We will be thinking about physical contact with others and actions that are inappropriate. We will also be discussing kindness and developing our own "bucketful of kindness".</p>  |

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| <p><b>English</b></p>      | <p>In English this half term we will be focussing on Poetry. We will be reading and writing a range of poems and discussing their similarities and differences. Over the half-term we will practise reciting poems to allow us to develop the skill of reciting familiar poems by heart. This will allow us to develop our performance skills and form our own interpretations of poems.</p> <p><b>Reading Targets</b><br/>                     Over the next couple of week we will be reviewing your child's reading targets. If ready, your child will have new targets they need to work on both at school and home. Please keep checking the front of your child's reading record and remember to tick next to the targets, if your child is applying them in their reading with you at home.</p> |
| <p><b>Mathematics</b></p>  | <p>As mathematicians, we will be continuing with counting forwards and backwards from 0, 1 or any given number. We will also be comparing numbers using language and finding 1 more and 1 less than a range of numbers. We will recap our number bonds to 10 and 20 and use addition and subtraction to represent these. In measures we will be using standard and non-standard units to measure weight and mass. We will also be learning the days of the week and months of the year and using a range of time words to order events. This will link with looking at seasons in Science. We will also begin to tell the time to o'clock and half past.</p>   |
| <p><b>Science</b></p>      | <p>As scientists we will be considering the question 'How does the weather change throughout the year?'. We will be observing how the weather changes across the seasons Autumn and Winter. We will be going outside, making observations and comparing our findings of weather patterns in Autumn and Winter. We will also consider how daylight length varies in different seasons.</p>  |
| <p><b>Computing</b></p>  | <p>During our computing lessons the children will learn/recap how to use software on Purple Mash to create a graph. We will also consider e-safety and that it is not always possible to copy some text and pictures from the internet. We will discuss how personal information should not be shared online and how we children can use Hector the Protector at school.</p>   |
| <p><b>RE</b></p>         | <p>During our RE lessons we will continue to consider the questions: 'What does it mean to belong?' and 'How do religions welcome new members?' We will also look at the Nativity story and how and why Christians celebrate Christmas.</p>  |