

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.

Monday	15 minutes reading	Please make sure you know your Times Tables!
Tuesday	15 minutes reading	This half term your child will be completing homework on 'The Rainforest'. The idea is to develop research and presentation skills and to aid motivation surrounding our Rainforest theme across the curriculum.
Wednesday	15 minutes reading	
Thursday	15 minutes reading	Maths homework will be completed through www.mymaths.co.uk , which your child has a login and password for.
Friday	15 minutes reading	Spellings – for following Friday Maths and English are given alternate Fridays to be returned the following Friday.

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!

Extra Curricular - Clubs will be available – details to be announced. Regular letters will be sent with important dates.

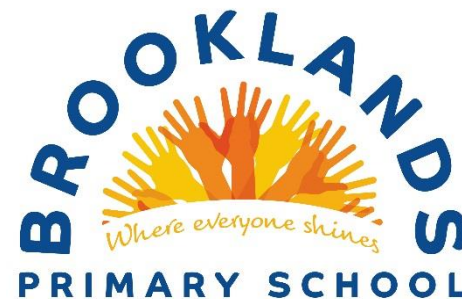
Uniform - It is important that as well as trying our best we also look our best. Please make sure that the correct school uniform is worn—details can be seen on our website under 'Information—School Uniform and Dress Code'.

Attendance - Every lesson counts! Please allow your child to develop by attending school each day.

Important Dates –We will also be visiting St Laurence Church during the afternoon of Friday 18th November to learn more about what the Bible means to Christians .

Parents Evening - Tuesday 15th November (3:30-6:30pm) & Thursday 17th November (3:30-5pm)

The Year Four Brooklands Team



Year Four


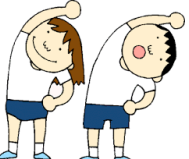


Parent Newsletter

Autumn Two
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Mr Bingham
Miss Leivars

Welcome back after the half term break!
We hope you have all had a good rest and are ready for the next half term in the run up to Christmas. Here is what we will be learning:



Subject	Learning Challenge – Why should rainforests be important to us all?
Geography 	Children will be asked the question 'Why should rainforests be important to us all?' We will explore the rainforests of the Amazon and Madagascar where we will be studying the habitats and adaptation of the animals (linked to Science)! Discussions and investigations of the people who inhabit the rainforest, and how logging has affected the environment are also key priorities this half term.
Art and Design Technology	As artists we will be using the different techniques learnt last half term, along with shading, to draw wondrous wildlife which inhabits the rainforests! We will then be using our art work as a basis to make an elephant out of textiles!. We will look at how to make and use a paper template and include different ways of stitching in this awesome adventure!
PE 	Gymnastics is the order of the day this term, particularly balancing, mirroring and matching. Working within a team is also fundamental as the children strive to create their own gymnastic sequences! PE sessions will continue on Mondays and Wednesdays in Resilient Rockets and Mondays in Dynamic Draconis as they go swimming. Children will need their kit in school. If your child wears earrings they will need to take them out. Children are welcome to bring jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers to help keep warm however with winter fast approaching they may be inside and so shorts would be preferable. If, for any reason, they are poorly or unable to do PE they will need a note from home before they are excused.
PSHE 	Children will be learning about money matters. We will be looking at where our money comes from, what we spend it on and how to save it. We will also be learning about how charities raise money for the less fortunate.
Music 	Children will continue 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.



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English	This half term we will be reading 'The Princess and the Pea' by Lauren Child and 'The Pea and the Princess' by Mini Grey. We will focus on genres such as play scripts, poetry (looking closely at imagery) and using our imagination to describe characters.
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 we will be exploring living things, including the habitats of animals locally. Exploring the animal kingdom is no mean feat, so building on from last half term and the children's knowledge of the different types of animals, Year Four will be comparing, classifying and exploring the wide and wonderful world of living things by posing questions in order to utilize classification keys. We will also be looking at changes in our environment and the ways in which this affects all living things.
Computing 	Children will be using their retrieval skills to copy graphics, download and capture images from a range of sources. Children will also be building databases in order to find the answers to a range of scientific questions.
RE 	As theologians we will be using our philosophical skills to investigate different ways of expressing meaning and the understanding of different lives whilst representing our own views on belonging, meaning and purpose. We will also be exploring what the Bible means to Christians.
French 	As linguists we will be asking the question 'C'est bon pour la santé?'. The children will be learning about healthy and unhealthy foods in France as well as the sports and hobbies undertaken across The Channel.