

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 Normans'. The idea is to develop research and presentation skills and to aid motivation surrounding our Norman 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.

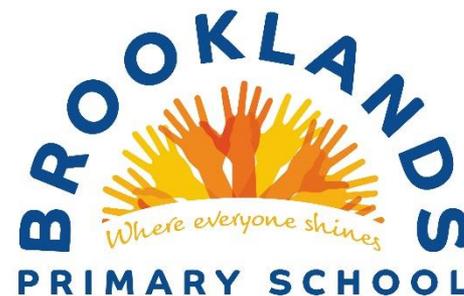
Reading - Your reading book must be in school every day. You are expected to change your book regularly. Please ask the people you read to at home to initial your Reading Record after you have read because it will be checked. You should write the title, author, start and completion date and comment in 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.

The Year Four Brooklands Team



Year Four

Parent Newsletter

Spring 1 2017

Mr Bingham
Miss Leivars

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



Subject	<u>Learning Challenge – Why were Norman castles certainly not bouncy?</u>
<p>History</p> 	<p>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.</p>
<p>Design Technology</p>	<p>This half term we will be exploring how and where the Normans built their castles culminating in children creating their very own Motte and Bailey castle!</p>
<p>PE</p> 	<p>Gymnastics is the order of the day this term, particularly focusing on balancing, mirroring and matching our weight on different body parts. Working within a team is also fundamental as the children strive to create their own gymnastic sequences!</p> <p>PE sessions will continue on Mondays and Wednesdays in Resilient Rockets and on Mondays (swimming) and Thursdays in Dynamic Draconis.</p> <p>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. 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>This half term in PSHE children will be learning all our bodies and body image. Children will study some of the issues surrounding body image in society and examining people's perceptions of body image.</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>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.</p>



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<p>English</p> 	<p>This half term the children will be focusing on the ways we use writing to inform. Children will use explanation texts to create some 'cracking contraptions' and then explain their purpose!</p> <p>Children will also assume the role of a news reporter this half term at 'The Brooklands Echo' informing on some of the hottest stories in fiction! Children will also become part of a production crew running their very own news report!</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 Four.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>As scientists the children will be exploring science the Norman way, through trebuchets and catapults! Children will work as part of a team to design, demonstrate and evaluate an experiment to test how far we can launch a missile!</p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>Children will be using their computing skills to research, write, edit and publish a non-chronological report which will be linked in with our English work surrounding the Normans.</p>
<p>RE</p> 	<p>As theologians the children will be exploring why Easter is an important time for Christians.</p>
<p>French</p> 	<p>This half term, children in year 4 will learn a song to tell the story of Sleeping Beauty, the names of key characters in the story and how to describe them in French. Their descriptions will become the script for a simple play.</p>

