

Homework

Each week the children are required to complete homework. This includes reading with your child, practising spellings and practising an area of maths or a literacy skill linked with a different area of the curriculum. Spelling tests are on Fridays.

Reading

Your child will be given up to three books per week, but we recommend they keep each book for at least two days. This week we have introduced and modelled how the children will change their own books. When reading with your child, please encourage them to talk about what they are reading and apply reading strategies, e.g. context clues, sound it out, reading to the end of the sentence to see which word would make sense. Please make sure you sign your child's reading record when they have read the books. We welcome comments on your child's progress and their achievements.

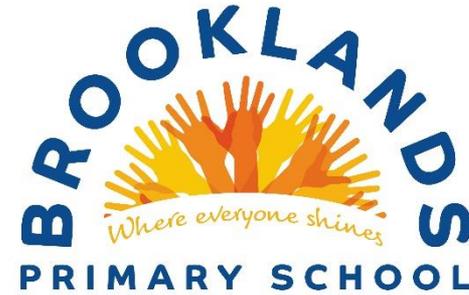
Rainbow Reading

Each time your child reads a book e.g. their library book, reading book or a book from home, they get a sticker for their red reading bookmark. When they fill this bookmark, they get to choose a prize and move onto the next colour. The further along the rainbow your child gets, the better the prize!

Important dates – please check the school website/your emails to keep up-to-date with important dates and information.

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

The Year Two Brooklands Team



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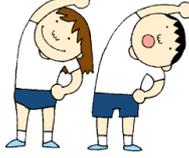
Parent Newsletter

Autumn 2 2016

Mrs Pappa
Mr Leach

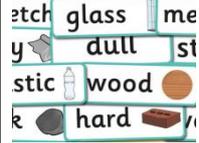
Welcome back after the half term holidays.
 We hope you have all had a good rest and are ready for the start of this half term!
 Here is what we will be learning:



Subject	Learning Challenge
<p>History Geography</p> <p>VICTORIANS</p>  <p>1819 - 1901</p>	<p>Our topic in History and Geography will be 'What were the children who lived here like a 100 years ago?' and we will be talking about the Victorian times. We will visit Newstead Abbey to experience Christmas as Victorian children and we will be looking at the Victorian houses. We will continue our journey back to the Victorian times over Spring Term 1 to learn more about this interesting period in history.</p>
<p>Art</p> 	<p>In art we will be working with textiles and learning ways to sew and glue fabric together. We will use our Science knowledge to decide which other materials we can use to make our finger puppets more detailed.</p>
<p>PE</p> 	<p>PE sessions will be on Wednesdays and Fridays for both classes. Your child will need their PE kit in school every day. Our indoor PE (Fridays) will be gymnastics. We will be practising what we learnt in Autumn 1 about the different ways that our bodies can move and we will join some of these together to create sequences of movement. For our outdoor lessons (Wednesdays) we will be practising and developing passing, retrieving and sending skills and then using these to play and develop simple games. <u>Please remember to name your child's PE clothes</u> as it can be very difficult to match lost items of clothing to children when they all look the same!</p>
<p>PSHE</p> 	<p>In PSHE we will be focussing on 'Getting along and falling out'. This will include identifying our own and other's feelings and how to manage them. We will also be learning what to do when we do fall out with someone, as people sometimes get along together and sometimes they fall out.</p>



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Subject	
<p>English</p> 	<p>In English we will be reading poetry and using our intonation to perform poems. We will write our own interesting shape poems and we will be learning how to use adjectives in order to add detail and interest the reader. We will also be looking at stories with familiar setting and The Tiger Who came for tea will be visiting our classrooms. We will be creative by following instructions to make Christmas crafts and we will be looking closely at the features of the instructions in order to make our own.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>As mathematicians, we will be learning about shapes in Geometry. We will be practising partitioning numbers to help us strengthen our understanding of numbers so we can add, subtract, multiply and divide later on. We will learn strategies that will help us to solve word problems including addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. We will also be learning our 2, 5 and 10 times tables to build up fluency that will be later used in multiplication and division problem solving.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>In science we will be learning about the materials' properties and how to choose the right material for a specific use. We will use these information to help us with our Art lesson as well. We will be conducting fair tests in order to justify the choice of a material for a specific use. We will look at some inventors of new materials and how their inventions changed the world.</p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>We will be learning how to retrieve and organise information. We will practise the right use of the equipment and how to navigate though different educational websites.</p>
<p>RE</p> 	<p>We will be experiencing the nativity and we will be working hard to prepare our own performance. How do we show that we care about others? We will also be finding out through stories and drama about our actions and how they speak louder than words.</p>