

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 depending on the book and how fluent your child is with that book. 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.

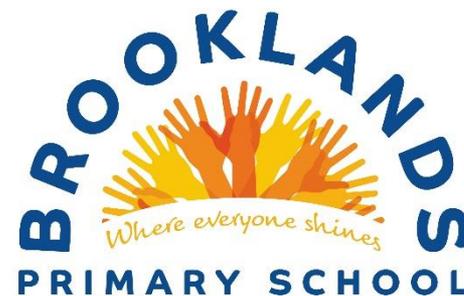
Rainbow Reading

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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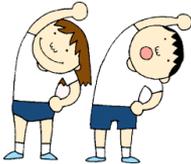
Parent Newsletter

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Mrs Pappa
Mrs McHale

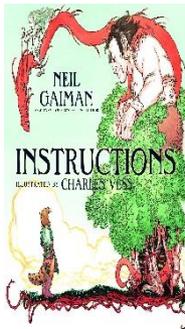
Welcome back after the holidays.
 We hope you have all had a good rest and are ready for the start of the new half term!
 Here is what we will be learning:



Subject	Learning Challenge
<p><u>Geography</u></p> 	<p>The children will be learning about the geographical and human features of the seaside. They will learn about seaside environments, finding out where they are located in the United Kingdom and seaside resorts nearest their own locality.</p>
<p><u>Art</u></p> 	<p>This half term we are going to explore the work of Pablo Picasso. We will be studying his portraits, taking photographs of ourselves expressing different moods and emotions, then re-create them in our own art work. We are going to colour mix brown and make tints by adding white and tones by adding black.</p>
<p><u>PE</u></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 using what we learnt last half term to create and perform sequences of movement using the apparatus and different heights of traveling. For our outdoor lessons (Wednesdays) we will be using our rolling, hitting and kicking skills and we will be using these to play and develop simple games. We will also practise staying in a zone and considering whether someone is in the right place. Please remember to name your child's PE clothes as it can be very difficult to match lost items of clothing to children when they all look the same!</p>
<p><u>PSHE</u></p> 	<p>In PSHE our topic is 'Proud to be me'. We will celebrate our qualities and explore ways of showing that we are proud. We will also be thinking about how we can show that we are proud of someone else and how to encourage others to be proud of themselves.</p>



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Subject	
<p><u>English</u></p> 	<p>In English, we are looking at writing our own set of instructions based on Neil Gaiman's book - Instructions. We will be using our senses to create poems. The children will be writing stories with a magical kingdom theme.</p> <p>Reading Targets Please see your child's reading targets in the front of their reading record which they will be working on for the next half-term. We have introduced these with your child at school, please refer to them when reading with your child, and tick when you feel they have demonstrated these skills.</p>
<p><u>Mathematics</u></p> 	<p>In Maths, we will keep practising counting in steps forwards and backwards from 0 up to 100, in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s. We will use these skills to make amounts of money with coins. We will be partitioning numbers and showing that on a number line. We will learn how to multiply and divide using strategies. Also we will be solving word problems and we will be interpreting data. We will play with different 2-D and 3-D shapes and exploring their properties.</p>
<p><u>Science</u></p> 	<p>In science we will be learning about animals including humans. We will be looking at ways to keep healthy by following a balanced diet, exercising and keeping our selves clean. We will conduct an experiment to see how germs are spread and we'll talk about what we can do to stop that from happening.</p>
<p><u>Computing</u></p> 	<p>During our computing lessons the children will be using their word processing skills to find record information in cross-curricular areas such as Geography and Science. They will be learning about importing pictures, font size and colour.</p>
<p><u>RE</u></p> 	<p>In RE we will be learning about Easter and the days leading up to it. We will be using drama to help us to write about this important time in the Christian calendar. We will also be learning about the significance of Shrove Tuesday and Mothering Sunday.</p>