

Homework - Each week the children are required to complete Maths and Learning Challenge homework. We would also like someone to read with your child, help them practise their Times Tables and learn their spellings. Ideas for additional maths games you could play with your child are included in the 'Fluency' leaflet .

Monday	15 minutes reading	Practise times tables!	Spellings are given on a Monday, to be returned the following Monday ready for the test.
Tuesday	15 minutes reading	Practise Times Tables!	
Wednesday	15 minutes reading	Practise Times Tables!	
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Friday	15 minutes reading	Practise Times Tables!	Either Maths or Learning Challenge homework is given on a Friday, to be returned by the following Friday.

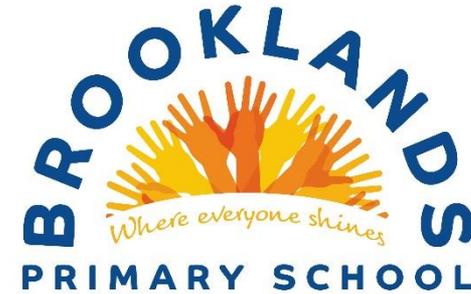
Reading - Reading books and Reading Record books must be in school every day for the Guided Reading sessions. Children are expected to read and change their book regularly. Each time a child reads their book they should write the title, author, date and comment in their Reading Record book. Please can the person at home who is listening to the child read sign the Reading Record book.

Extra Curricular - Clubs will be available – details to be announced.

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 Five Brooklands Team



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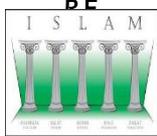
Welcome back after the Christmas holiday!

We hope you have all had a good rest and are ready for the second term of the school year.

Here is what we will be learning in Year 5:



Subject	
Geography 	<p>Children will first find out about the continents of North and South America, and the countries that form them. They will then look in more detail at some of the contrasting areas of North America, finding out about the landscape, climate and locations in each area. At the end of the unit, children will research a trip to an area of North America and create tour guides to share what they have found.</p>
Design Technology 	<p>We will be using electrical and mechanical components to design and make a moon buggy to link in with our Science topic. Children will be encouraged to make a fully working model and refine where necessary.</p>
Art 	<p>Children will be creating their own pieces of art using clay, digital photography and collages influenced by American artists such as Frida Khalo, Diego Rivera and Ansel Adams.</p>
P.E 	<p>Dance is the order of the day during our PE sessions for this half term. Here the children will be learning different cheerleading moves to create their own routine to music..</p> <p>They will also be taking part in gymnastics where they will be continuing their balancing skills using symmetrical and asymmetrical shapes in floor work and apparatus sessions,</p> <p>PE sessions will be on Tuesdays and Wednesday in The Creative Comets and on Tuesdays and Thursdays in The Awesome Asteroids.</p> <p>Children will need their kit in school. If your child wears earrings they will need to be able to take them out themselves. Children are expected to wear the school uniform PE kit.</p> <p>If, for any reason, they are poorly or unable to do PE they will need a note from home before they are excused.</p>
PSHE 	<p>Body Image - This term the children will be learning about how the media affects their physical, mental and emotional health. They will also recognise how images in the media do not always reflect reality and can affect how people feel about themselves.</p> <p>Drugs and Alcohol – Here the children will be exploring the risks effects of a range of legal and illegal drugs and challenge myths related to drugs use.</p>

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English 	<p>The children will be exploring Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream, investigating features of playscripts to write their own scene.</p> <p>They will also be looking at different styles of poetry whilst developing their performance skills.</p> <p>Children will be linking their Science topic to their writing to create a science fiction narrative. Here they will learn how to develop their own plot and include dialogue.</p>
Mathematics 	<p>Please refer to our website for details of National Curriculum 2014 to see the National Expectations for children in Year Five.</p>
Science 	<p>This term we will be focussing our attention on the sky above us as we begin to explore Space. We will be learning about the motion of the earth around the sun and how this affects day and night. We will be extending our knowledge of the moon and its orbit of the Earth as well as naming the phases of the moon as it rotates. As part of our learning we will be focussing on the planets in our solar system and the stars that are our nearby neighbours. Exciting stuff!</p>
Computing 	<p>The children will be using Espresso Coding to learn how to set values in code to program the speed and direction of an object. They will also learn to change the object's co-ordinates to move it around and set friction to effect the speed and movement of various objects in a number of games.</p>
P.C 	<p>The children will be learning about the key aspects of the Muslim faith. They will work creatively to enhance their learning experience. They will find out where Islam originated, about special places linked to Islam and about key festivals in Muslim life. The children will also learn about symbols in Islam, the Muslim holy book and the main beliefs held by Muslims. They will be learning more specifically about the Five Pillars of Islam and what each pillar represents.</p>
French 	<p>This half term, children in year 5 will revise numbers, learn the French alphabet, the names of some places in town and how to ask for and give simple directions. They will also learn to ask for clarification, if they do not understand.</p>
Music 	<p>This half term, the children will follow the Music Express scheme which will focus on the 'Solar System'. The children will be listening to and analysing music using technical vocabulary, developing the use of dynamics in a song and techniques used for performing rap with texture and rhythm.</p>