

## Homework

**Reading-** Our aim is for each child to complete at least one or two books a week. Reading on a regular basis will improve your child's progress and confidence.

Children will be given a bookmark with 20 spaces on it. Every time your child changes their reading book or library book they will fill a space with a sticker. When their bookmark is full they will receive a prize. The book marks will follow the colours of the rainbow. Please remind your child to get their Reading Record signed by an adult at home before bringing it back to school for the teacher to sign so they can change their book. Please let your child fill out their Reading Record with the date and title of the book.

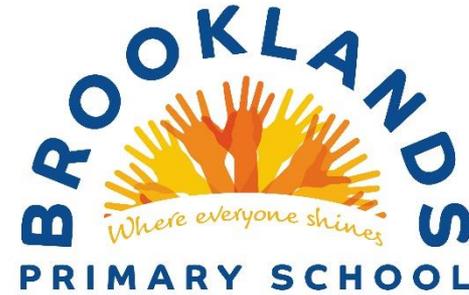
**Maths and Learning Challenge homework-** This will be given out on a Monday and should be handed in the following Monday. It will alter between Learning Challenge homework which will be based around our Geography and Science topics and Mathematics. Maths homework will regularly be given out on [www.mymaths.com](http://www.mymaths.com). Your usernames and passwords are inside your homework book. Everything we set for your child is to enhance their learning and consolidates learning from the classroom.

**Spellings-** This will also be given out on a Monday and tested on the following Monday. We will consolidate Year Two spellings to begin with, children may be asked to choose their own from the Year 1/2 or 3/4 spelling lists which can be found in the centre of their Reading Records.

**Attendance-** We start learning at 8:45 a.m. once the children have organised their things. The earlier your child arrives at school the better for them and us. Some of our interventions start as soon as the children come in. Last year we had a handwriting and spelling intervention and even though it was only 10 minutes a day, it had a huge impact on the children's learning. Little and often is the key.

Thank you. We look forward to working with you and your child,

The Year Three Brooklands Team.



**Year Three**

**Parent Newsletter**

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Welcome back after the Summer holiday! We hope you have all had a good rest and you had lots of fun. Here is what we will be learning about:



Subject	Learning Challenge
<b>Geography</b> 	Our Geography Learning Challenge is 'Why do so many people choose to go to the Mediterranean for their holidays?' Please help your child to recall the continents of the world and see if they can identify these on a map. We will be looking at the countries and capital cities of countries around the Mediterranean Sea. We will be learning about Italy in more detail, with a focus on culture, geographical features, food, climate and entertainment.
<b>PE</b> 	In dance to link with our Italy topic, the children will be learning Spanish dance moves and choreographing them together to create a class dance to the Spanish song 'The Macarena.' In our games lessons, the children will be playing hockey and football and learning skills such as dribbling, passing a ball with accuracy, defending and marking and hitting or kicking a ball with accuracy.
<b>PSHE</b> 	This half term, Year Three will be learning how to stay safe online when using the internet, they will become internet safety wizards, acting out the correct ending to scenarios and producing posters to promote being SMART online. Our second topic is part of the Alcohol and Drugs unit of work. We will be looking at the effects and impact of smoking on the human body and how passive smoking can be a hidden danger.
<b>Art</b> 	To link with our Italy topic, we will learn about the portraits of the Italian artist Leonardo Da Vinci. The children will learn about the different graded pencils and how to use different sketching techniques. They will practise drawing facial features and put all their learning together to create a self-portrait. To end the topic, the children will take photographs of their facial features in different orientations and create a montage in the style of David Hockney.
<b>Computing</b> 	To link with our Italy topic, the children will begin by experimenting with Microsoft Word and will practise changing the fonts and styles of the word 'Italy'. They will learn how to insert pictures and clipart into PowerPoint and how to save pictures from the internet. They will then experiment with transitions and effects when adding different slides and combine all they have learnt to create an informative PowerPoint presentation on a Mediterranean country.

<b>Subject</b> <b>English</b> 	This half term we are going to be working on persuading others. We will discuss and give our opinions on a range of topics such as smoking, healthy eating and debating whether homework should be banned! We will think about whether we are for or against a topic and then justify our reasons in writing using language features such as persuasive openers and rhetorical questions.
<b>Mathematics</b> 	Please refer to our website for details of National Curriculum 2014 to see the National Expectations for children in Year Three. Place value, times tables and addition and subtraction will be the main focus for this half term. The children will be introduced to Times Table Rock Stars (TT Rock Stars). This is a fantastic programme designed to help children practise their times tables in a fun and engaging way. We hope the children will enjoy using this throughout this half term and become times table rock stars whilst learning the 3, 4 and 8 times tables which they are expected to know by the end of Year 3.
<b>Science</b> 	Our Learning Challenge this half term is 'How far can you throw your shadow?' We will be investigating and exploring light and dark and the scientific vocabulary of opaque, transparent and reflect. Using different materials, we will assess which block the light leading us to investigate shadows, their formation and how they change during the day.
<b>RE</b> 	Our Learning Challenge topic this half term is 'What do people believe about God?' As part of this topic, the children will think about who the important people are in their lives and what makes them important. They will learn about Guru Nanak who is an important person to Sikhs and discover his teachings. The children will learn about the three ways of Sikh living and discuss the rules that help us to live a better life. Children will then learn about different symbols and the 5 K's and will finish off the topic by creating a musical composition which helps people to worship.
<b>French</b> 	In French, children will be learning greetings and how to introduce themselves and members of their family.
<b>DT</b> 	Pizzas will be the dish of the day! As we will be learning about Italy for our Learning Challenge, it only seemed natural to want to make pizzas! We will be looking at the processes needed to make pizzas. We will also be looking, tasting and weighing ingredients and then evaluating and suggesting improvements.
<b>Music</b> 	In music this half term, we will be studying a unit on 'Famous musicians of Europe' with a focus on the Italian composer Antonio Vivaldi. The children will create musical recipes by using famous Italian food and perform and appraise using a range of percussion instruments.