

Homework

Your child will continue to have 3 pieces of homework per week; spellings, reading and either maths or learning challenge. It is really beneficial when you work with your child to practise and complete these tasks.

When practising spellings remember little and often is key. Write the words on paper, in paint or in chalk, lots of little quick bursts of fun! You might find it helpful to make little flashcards of the words too, to allow your children to apply their reading skills further, plus this will help your child to recognise the letter order and apply it to the spelling of the words. Practising writing the spellings in a sentence will also help your child to apply their spellings.

Reading

Your child will still continue to receive 3 books per week, please check your child's reading record for the day, as some children have changed groups.

Please make sure you sign your child's reading record when they have read their books. We also welcome comments on your child's progress and achievements.

Rainbow Reading

The children have started to be more independent adding their spots to the bookmark. Keep colouring spots in each time they read and when a bookmark is completed your child will receive a prize.

Dates

KS1 Christmas Play – In the coming weeks your child may bring home lines to learn for their part in the play. We ask for your support in helping practise these lines. A slip may also be brought home requesting particular clothes as part of their costume. Please bring these in as soon as possible in a labelled carrier bag. If you do not have the items requested, please speak to your child's class teacher before purchasing any new items. The performances will take place on **Monday 18th December at 2pm** and **Wednesday 20th December at 5.45pm**. More details to follow.

Parents Evening – Tuesday 14th November & Thursday 16th November

Children in Need – Friday 17th November

Individual School Photographs – Thursday 23rd November

INSET Days – Friday 1st and Monday 4th December

Christmas Fayre – Friday 8th December

St Laurence Church Visit – Monday 11th December

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 13th December

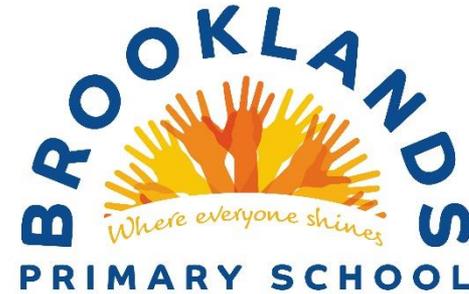
Christmas Craft Sale – Friday 15th December

Christmas Party Day – Thursday 21st December

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 22nd December

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The Year One Brooklands Team



Year One

Parent Newsletter

Autumn 2 2017

Miss Plumb

Miss Mather

Welcome back after the half term break.

We hope you have all had a good rest and are ready for the next part of this school year!

Here is what we will be learning:



Subject	Learning Challenge
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>Our Geography question for this half term is 'What do we know about where we live?'. We will be developing our knowledge of Long Eaton, looking at human and physical features. We will be walking around our local area when we visit the church and looking for human features. We will then begin to look at maps of the local area and creating maps of our school.</p>
<p>Art</p> 	<p>In art we will be learning how to collage. First we will be comparing different collages artists have made, and looking closely at their techniques. We will then be developing our own collage skills by making colour palettes and discovering which colours compliment each other when combining materials. We will then transfer our skills to make an Autumn themed collage.</p>
<p>PE</p> 	<p>PE sessions will continue to be on Tuesdays and Fridays for both classes. Our indoor PE will be Gymnastics this half term and we will be focussing on travelling and balancing. We will be developing the control of our bodies, experimenting with balancing in different ways and applying these skills on to the apparatus.</p> <p>For our outdoor lessons we will be developing our throwing and catching skills. We will develop our underarm throwing skills and practise catching a ball with two hands. We will then apply these skills to team games.</p>
<p>PSHE</p> 	<p>In PSHE we will be developing our understanding of feelings, and how we can develop strategies to help ourselves and others, if we are feeling in different ways. We will be thinking about physical contact with others and actions that are inappropriate. We will also be discussing kindness and developing our own "bucketful of kindness".</p>

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<p>English</p> 	<p>In English this half term we will be focussing on poetry. We will be reading and writing a range of poems and discussing their similarities and differences. Over the half-term we will begin to develop the skill of reciting familiar poems by heart. This will allow us to develop our performance skills and form our own interpretations of poems.</p> <p>Reading Targets</p> <p>Over the next couple of weeks we will be reviewing your child's reading targets. If ready, your child will have new targets they need to work on both at school and at home. Please remember to tick next to the targets if your child is applying them in their reading with you at home.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>As mathematicians, we will be continuing with counting forwards and backwards from 0, 1 or any given number. We will also be comparing numbers using language and finding 1 more and 1 less than a range of numbers. We will recap our number bonds to 10 and 20 and use addition and subtraction to represent these. We will also be learning about 3D shapes. In measures we will be using standard and non-standard units to measure weight and mass. We will also be learning the days of the week and months of the year and using a range of time words to order events. This will link with looking at seasons in Science. We will also begin to tell the time to o'clock and half past.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>As scientists we will be considering the question 'How does the weather change throughout the year?' We will be observing how the weather changes across the seasons Autumn and Winter. We will be going outside, making observations and comparing our findings of weather patterns in Autumn and Winter. We will also consider how daylight length varies in different seasons.</p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>During our computing lessons the children will learn/recap how to use software on Purple Mash to create a graph. We will also consider e-safety and that it is not always possible to copy some text and pictures from the internet. We will discuss how personal information should not be shared online and how the children can use Hector the Protector at school.</p>
<p>RE</p> 	<p>During our RE lessons we will continue to consider the questions: 'What does it mean to belong?' and 'How do religions welcome new members?' We will also look at the Nativity story and how and why Christians celebrate Christmas. We will be visiting St Laurence Church on the morning of Monday 11th December.</p>