

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 an English skill linked with a different area of the curriculum.

Reading

Your child will be given up to three books per week, but we recommend they keep each book for at least two days. We have introduced and modelled how the children 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. Keep supporting your child to fill their rainbow reading bookmarks. The further along the rainbow your child gets, the better the prize!

Morning Register - It is very important that all pupils arrive at 8:45am to complete the morning activities that will help them revise important skills for Year 2.

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

Church Visit – Date to be confirmed

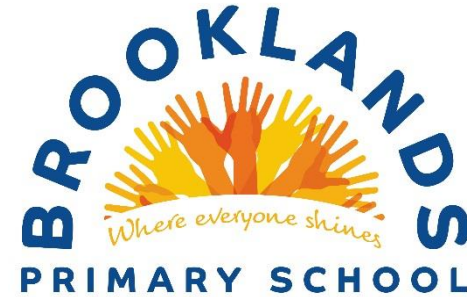
Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Craft Sale – Friday 15th December

Christmas Party Day – Thursday 21st December

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 22nd December

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Year Two



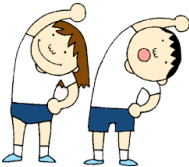


Parent Newsletter

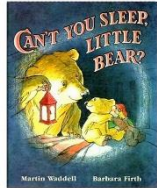



Autumn 2 2017

Mrs Pappa
Miss Barks
Mrs East

Welcome back after the half term holiday.
We hope you have all had a good rest and are ready for the next part of the school year. Here is what we will be learning:



| Subject | Learning Challenge |
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| <p>History</p>  | <p>The children will be exploring the question 'What were the children who lived in Long Eaton like 100 years ago?'. We will be learning about the Victorian era and comparing the differences between life for children then and now. We will be learning about their school life, what toys they played with and their homes. 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>Design and Technology</p>  | <p>In D&T we will be designing, making and evaluating our own Victorian finger puppets. We will be working with textiles and learning ways to sew and glue fabric together. We will be applying our science skills to choose appropriate materials for our finger puppets.</p> |
| <p>PE</p>  | <p>PE sessions will continue to 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 applying different ways of moving from Autumn 1, to create sequences of movement. For our outdoor lessons (Wednesdays), we will be practicing and developing passing and retrieving skills and then using these to play and develop simple games. Please remember to name your child's PE clothes as it can be very difficult to find lost items of clothing when they all look the same!</p> |
| <p>PSHE</p>  | <p>During this half term, we will be thinking about 'Getting on and falling out'. We will have lots of opportunities to voice our thoughts and opinions during circle time activities. We will also learn ways in which we can deal with different situations.</p> |
| <p>RE</p>  | <p>In RE we will continue to think about how we care about others, those at home and within our communities.. We will continue to find out what stories from the Bible can teach us and think about how the messages given are relevant today. We will also be visiting St Laurence church to take part in the Experience Christmas workshops. More details to follow.</p> |

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| <p>English</p>  | <p>In English we will be reading different stories from the same author. The author we are focussing on is Martin Waddell. We will study and analyse the features of his stories and use those same features to write our own story in the style of Martin Waddell. We will be writing letters to Father Christmas, identifying the features of a letter. We will also be practicing how to use commas in a list and different sentence types. 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 lots about calculations. We will learn about fact families, we will compare number sentences and we will learn and practice different ways of adding and subtracting 1-digit numbers and 2-digit numbers. We will also learn and practice number bonds to 100 by looking at the tens and the ones. We will practice finding ten less and ten more and use these skills in our addition and subtraction. At the same time we will keep revisiting and practicing the skills that we learnt last half term as they are the foundations of what we will learn this half term.</p> |
| <p>Science</p>  | <p>In science we will be learning about properties of materials and how to choose the right material for a specific use. We will look at some inventors of new materials and how their inventions changed the world. This half term we will be linking our art lessons to our Science lessons as we will be creating our own textiles. We are lucky enough to have the University of Derby involved in our Science lessons this half term. Students from the Textile Designing Course will be helping us to choose the right materials, patterns and designs for curtains, fabrics and wallpapers. At the end of our lessons we will have an exhibition on the 6th December to share our creations.</p> |
| <p>Computing</p>  | <p>As part of our computing lessons we will be learning how to organise and retrieve data. We will follow an Espresso Coding scheme of work. The children will be provided with visual demonstrations on the interactive whiteboard at the front of the classroom and then have lots of opportunities to 'have a go' for themselves. We will build on our newly learnt skills from our last Espresso Coding unit.</p> |



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