

### **Homework**

Your child will continue to have 3 pieces of homework per week; spellings, reading and maths. Their maths homework will now consist of their counting and multiplication tables booklet and a computer based/book based task. As a school we are striving to improve basic maths skills to enable them to apply them to more challenging tasks. Practising counting skills is the Year 1 aim to ensure they are then ready to apply their counting skills to multiplication in Year 2. Please support your child to complete the counting based activities in their booklet at home little and often. Children will be assessed in school each week and staff will highlight when each award has been completed. More information on the homework policy and support at home is on the website.

### **Reading**

Your child will still continue to receive 3 books per week, 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 are now much more independent adding their spots to the bookmark and are loving receiving their prizes! Keep colouring spots in each time they read and when a bookmark is completed your child will receive a prize.

### **Christmas Craft Fayre Money**

Astronauts made £168 from the fayre, and Explorers made £75. We will be using some of this money to buy picnic food for our class picnics in West Park later on in the year and have been discussing new books and resources we would like in our classrooms. Thank you for your support!

### **Dates for the term**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February - Key Stage 1 Gymnastics Festival

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March – World Book Day

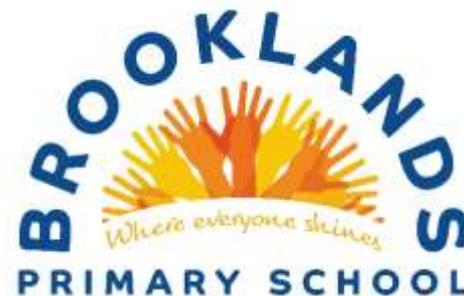
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March– Twycross Zoo Trip – Your child will receive a letter in the next couple of weeks.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Sports Relief and Y1 parents are invited from 2:45 to share our artwork with us.

For regular updates please check the school blog, website, Twitter and Facebook pages.

The Year One Brooklands Team



Year One

Parent Newsletter

Spring 1 2018

Miss Mather  
Miss Plumb

Happy New Year and welcome back after the Christmas holidays! We hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas and are ready for the new year! Here is what we will be learning:



Subject	Learning Challenge
<p><b>Geography</b></p>	<p>Our learning challenge in geography this half term will be 'Why can't a meerkat live in the North Pole?'. We will be looking at hot and cold climates, where they are on Earth and learning about both climates by comparing their natural features. We will also be learning about the animals and people that live there.</p>
<p><b>Art</b></p>	<p>In art we will be looking at the work of Pablo Picasso. We will be using thick and thin paint brushes to paint something that we can see, using primary and secondary colours to create mood. We will also be communicating something about ourselves in our paintings.</p>
<p><b>DT</b></p>	<p>In DT we will be building our own bridges. We will be designing, making and evaluating a range of bridges. We will be focussing on identifying the best materials to use for our bridge and discussing an appropriate structure to enable our bridge to be free-standing. The focus for this project will be on team-work and encouraging the children to work together to develop ideas and strategies.</p>
<p><b>PE</b></p>	<p>PE sessions will be on <b>Wednesdays and Thursdays for both classes</b>. 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. 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><b>PSHE</b></p>	<p>In PSHE we will be focussing on Going for Goals! We will be challenging ourselves to set appropriate targets and striving to be resilient to meet our goals. We will be linking our challenges to our Champion Challenges around the classroom and will be celebrating our successes with others.</p>

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<p><b>English</b></p>	<p>In English this half term we will be focussing on non-fiction texts. We will be reading and writing a range of non-fiction books and discussing the key features of them. Over the half-term we will work towards creating our own non-fiction books and class books for others to enjoy in our reading areas.</p> <p><b>Reading Targets</b> 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 home. Please keep checking the front of your child's reading record and remember to tick next to the targets, if your child is applying them in their reading with you at home.</p>
<p><b>Mathematics</b></p>	<p>In maths this half-term we will be focussing on addition and subtraction within 20 using a number line. We will start by adding by counting on and then be applying our addition skills to make number bonds. We will then move on to subtraction and working on not crossing ten and then crossing 10. Our addition and subtraction skills will then be combined to solve addition and subtraction problems.</p>
<p><b>Science</b></p>	<p>In science, we will be learning all about animals. We will be learning about wild and domestic animals, what they eat, their natural habitats and what animal group they belong to. This will be linked with English and the children will be making a page about the animal of their own choice which will be made into a class non-fiction book and placed in the school library.</p>
<p><b>Computing</b></p>	<p>In computing, we will be learning how to make objects move on a screen by writing instructions. This will involve writing Code to make a variety of different objects move in different directions when they are clicked.</p>
<p><b>RE</b></p>	<p>We will be learning about the holy books of the Christians and the Jews. We will be reading and retelling the Creation Story and looking for both similarities and differences in both religions. We will also be looking at ways we can look after our own planet and designing posters to promote taking responsibility for looking after own environment.</p>