

The Brooklands App

If you have not already downloaded the Brooklands App please think about doing it soon. We post a weekly blog which you can find on the app and it is rapidly becoming a useful way for us to share information with you.

Twitter

Reception and Nursery have Twitter accounts. We regularly share photos of the children participating in various school activities. If we can increase the number of followers we can also use it to share messages and information to make sure you always know what is happening so please find us and follow us!

Nursery

We have 15 hour and 30 hour places available from September. Children can be added to the waiting list from the age of 2 and we will contact you as they approach their 3rd birthday. Please contact the school office to put your child on the waiting list to avoid disappointment.

Homework

We are very pleased with the progress the children have made with their writing. It is now really important for them to practice their writing as often as possible, so please encourage them to write for you at home, for example helping to write a shopping list or maybe a short story.

Reading

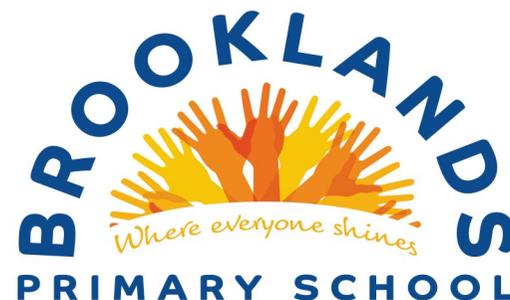
Thank you for supporting your children with their reading. Please continue to share a book with them as often as possible. Please make sure you write in their reading diary when you share a book with your child. If your child has read their book with you and needs to change it, please put it with their reading diary into the basket in the classroom. Please make sure your child puts their reading book in the classroom and not on their peg.

How to help at home

- ◆ Share books as often as possible.
- ◆ Practise counting forwards and backwards, starting at different numbers.
- ◆ Play 'I Spy' with numbers out and about to help with number recognition.
- ◆ Practise writing whenever possible eg shopping lists, instructions

Thank you for your support.

The Reception Team



Reception

Parent Newsletter Summer 2018

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A school where everyone shines.

Welcome back! We have a busy term ahead. Here is what we will be learning...

Learning Challenge— Are minibeasts scary?	
	This term our topic is 'Are minibeasts scary?' We are going to be searching for minibeasts at school and on our trip to Bluebells Farm. Before half term we asked the children what they would like to find out and they had lots of ideas, including 'Do worms have legs?' 'Why do spiders need webs?' 'Why do ladybirds have spots?' and 'How do bees make honey?' We will be trying to find the answers to these and other questions using books and the computers.
Letters & Sounds 	All the children have now completed the Phase 3 sounds and some have moved onto Phases 4 and 5! We now expect all children to be attempting to use all the single phonemes (a-z) as well as zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, er in their reading and writing. We would really appreciate your support in encouraging them to do the same if they practise writing at home.
Literacy 	This term the children will all be working on their own information book about minibeasts. We will be focussing on writing 3 star sentences and the children will be assessing their own writing to make sure they have included a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop. We will be sharing some stories about minibeasts including 'Superworm', 'The Very Lazy Ladybird', 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird', 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Very Busy Spider'.

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Subject	
Mathematics 	This term we will continue to look at the numbers to 20 and to investigate them to gain a better understanding of the number system. We will also be encouraging the children to use their understanding of numbers to solve simple problems. Some children will be starting to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. In Shape, space and measure the children will continue to explore 2d and 3d shapes and use mathematical language to describe them. The children will also be solving simple problems using their skills in capacity, length, height, money and time.
P.E 	P.E will be on Tuesday for Writers and Thursday for Artists. The children each need named P.E kit. In P.E, the children are practising games skills. We will be using different equipment such as bats, balls, ropes and balancing equipment as we practise some activities for Sports Day. The children will continue to practise yoga to help them to develop their gross and fine motor skills further.
Outdoor Learning 	Outdoor Learning— We will be using our Outdoor Learning space every day so please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather. As the weather improves please remember to apply sunscreen before school in the morning and to send a sun hat. We will be using the outdoor area to help the children to explore capacity using the water and we'll be using the sun to help us to draw round and compare the lengths of shadows.
Special days	Tuesday 12th June— Reception Trip to Bluebells. Please make sure the children wear wellies, trousers and their school top. Thursday 21st June— 2pm— Reception Sports Day— children can come to school dressed in their PE kits with their school jumper or cardigan. Please come along and cheer the children on! Thursday 28th June— Friday 29th June Transition Days— Children will be visiting their new teachers.