

Homework

Each week the children are required to complete maths homework. We would also like someone to read with your child, help them practise their times tables and learn their spellings.

Maths homework will be set on a Friday on MyMaths.co.uk and will need to be completed by the following Friday.

Spellings will be given out on a Friday, to be learnt by the following Friday for a test.

Your child will be consolidating their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables this term and learning their 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 times tables.

Reading

Reading books and Reading Record books must be in school every day. Children are expected to read at least three times a week and change their book regularly. Each time a child reads their book they should write the title, author, date and comment in their Reading Record book. Please can the person at home who is listening to the child read, sign the Reading Record book so that it can be changed.

Key Dates

Wednesday 5th February – Trip to National Justice Museum

Monday 10th February – Last swimming lesson for Boudicca class.

Friday 14th February – Last day of school (break up for February half term)

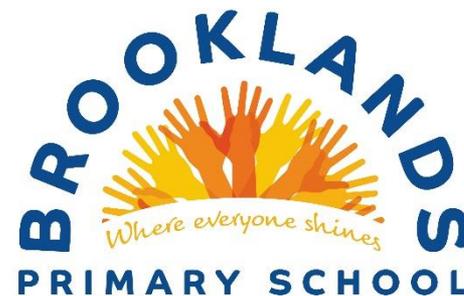
Monday 24th February – INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 25th February – Children back to school

Monday 2nd March – First swimming lesson for Durrell class.

Friday 3rd April – Last day of school (break up for Easter holidays)

Monday 20th April – Children back to school



Year Four

Parent Newsletter

Spring

Miss Meakin
Miss Castle

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays. We hope you have had a fantastic Christmas and are ready for the new Spring term. Below are things we would like to share with you for the term. Regular updates and photos will be shared on the Brooklands App, Class Dojo and Twitter. Please follow us @BrooklandsY4



Subject	
<p>English</p>	<p>Library time in Boudicca class will be on a Monday and in Durrell class will be on a Thursday. Children will have the opportunity to take out a book from the school library and to read quietly or read to their teacher.</p> <p>The children will be 'Writing to entertain' this first half term, starting with our play scripts unit where we will be writing our own play script for Dr Who! We will then move onto performance poetry where the children will have the opportunity to perform some exciting poetry. After half term, the children will be 'writing to inform', starting with looking at explanation texts before moving onto writing newspaper reports based on the topic work we will do in our Crime and Punishment topic.</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>The children will be concentrating on 'Multiplication and Division', 'Area', 'Fractions' and 'Decimals' this term.</p> <p>In <u>Multiplication and Division</u> they will be learning their 6, 9, 7, 11 and 12 times tables and related division facts, before moving onto multiplying 3 numbers together, recognise and use factor pairs, multiply and divide two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one digit number using formal written layout and solving many problems involving multiplying and dividing, including harder correspondence problems.</p> <p>In <u>Area</u> the children will be looking at what area is alongside learning how to calculate the area of a range of rectilinear shapes.</p> <p>In <u>Fractions</u> they will recognise and show, using diagrams, families of common equivalent fractions, count up and down in hundredths, solve problems involving increasingly harder fractions to calculate quantities and add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.</p> <p>In <u>Decimals</u> they will recognise and write decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundredths, learn how to divide a one or two digit number by 10 or 100 identifying the value of the digits in the answer as ones, tenths and hundredths and solve simple measure and money problems involving fractions and decimals to two decimal places.</p>
<p>Learning Challenge</p> 	<p><u>History</u> In our learning challenge topic for the first half term we will be looking at Crime and Punishment throughout History. Here, the children will be learning about why we need laws and who thought of them in the first place, what the Magna Carta is and why it is so important even today, all about parliament and how it works and what punishments were like 750 years ago throughout the Roman, Anglo-Saxon, Tudor and Victorian times.</p> <p><u>Geography</u> The children will be learning all about the city of Nottingham as our local in depth study. Here they will be studying how Nottingham has changed over time focusing on it's human and physical characteristics, involving looking at the change in population and why, identifying popular monuments/places in Nottingham and how they have changed over time, before thinking about the advantages and disadvantages of living in the city of Nottingham.</p>

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<p>Learning Challenge</p>	<p><u>Science</u> The children will be learning about what happens to the food we eat. Here, they will learn about how our digestive system works (through a very fun and messy experiment), the different types of teeth we have in our mouths and what they are used for, as well as learning all about food chains.</p> <p>They will also be learning about Sound. Here they be conducting a range of experiments to help them learn about how sounds are made, how sound travels from a source, through a medium to our ears and why some sounds are louder or quieter than others, before looking at patterns between the pitch and the volume of a sound.</p>
<p>PE</p>	<p>PE sessions for Durrell class will be on Wednesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor). Boudicca class will continue to go swimming on a Monday morning up until February half term, with their other PE session on a Thursday (indoor). After half term, Durrell class will be going swimming every Monday morning until the end of the school year with their other PE session on a Thursday (indoor) whilst Boudicca will have their other PE lesson on a Monday afternoon (outdoor). In their school PE lessons, the children will be learning all about invasion games, learning the skills of attacking, defending, scoring and marking which they will apply to the invasion games hockey and netball.</p> <p>They will then move onto net and wall games, where they will be learning the skills of sending a receiving the ball and working together as a team through games such as volleyball and tennis.</p> <p>Children will need their PE kit in school –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Plain navy shorts * Plain white T Shirt or polo shirt (with or without school logo) * Black plimsolls for indoor PE * Tracksuits and trainers may be worn for outdoor games. <p>If, for any reason, they are unable to do PE they will need a note from home / Class Dojo before they are excused.</p>
<p>Trips</p>	<p>We have a very exciting trip to the National Justice Museum in Nottingham on Wednesday 5th February to enhance the children's learning in their Crime and Punishment topic. Throughout the day, the children will get to take part in an interactive courtroom workshop where they will examine a case and then prepare and present a trial based on the evidence available by playing the roles of Judge, jury, defence, prosecution etc. At the end of the trial pupils will reach a verdict and discuss sentencing options. They will also get to explore law-related objects and artefacts, engage with their costumed interpreter's, hear about historical changes in the prison system and visit key museum spaces including the dungeons, exercise yard, debtors' cell, punishment corridor and criminal courtroom.</p>
<p>Concerns</p>	<p>Should you have a concern throughout the year then please follow the process below:</p> <p>Step 1: Your child's Class Teacher Step 2: Director of Learning for the phase (Mrs Harby) Step 3: Senior Leader (Miss O'Neill or Miss Hodges)</p>

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