

Homework

Your child will have 3 pieces of homework per week; spellings, reading their books and maths. Their maths homework will consist of tasks to embed learning in school, this may be playing a game, using mymaths, a worksheet or TT rockstars. Usernames and passwords for mymaths are stuck in their maths homework books and TT rockstars logins are stuck in the front of your child's reading record.

Over the coming weeks the children will be sitting past SATs papers. When marked we will share how your child is progressing with you and send home practise materials to address their next steps.

Reading

Your child will receive 3 books per week. The new banding system is now in place and the children will be moved up to the next band when they can confidently read and discuss their understanding of both a fiction and non-fiction book in their current colour band. Please support them to read every night and encourage them to re-read them to develop their fluency. In the front cover of the new books there are some ideas to support your child; such as practising sounds, words and questions to ask.

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

Key Dates

Tuesday 28th January - Nightingale class Long Eaton library visit

Friday 31st January – Parks class Long Eaton library visit

Monday 3rd February 1:00 – Grandparents invited in at 2:30 to compare life as a child to now

Friday 7th February – Victorian Day

Tuesday 11th February – Newstead Abbey Trip

Wednesday 12th February- Whole school reading workshop

Friday 14th February – Break up for half-term

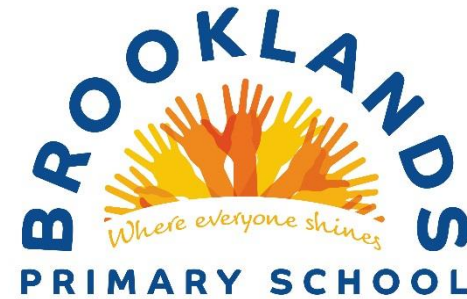
Monday 24th February – INSET day

Tuesday 25th February – Back to school

Tuesday 17th March – Whole school SEND workshop

Wednesday 18th March – Warburtons Workshop in school

Friday 3rd April – Break up for the Easter holidays



Year Two

Parent Newsletter

Autumn



Mrs Fearnley



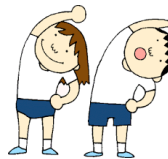

Mrs Marshall

Happy New Year!

We hope you are ready for the new term and all of the exciting learning opportunities it has to offer. Below are things we would like to share with you for the term. Regular updates and photos will be shared on Class Dojo and Twitter. Please follow us @BrooklandsY2



<p>English</p> 	<p>In English, this half term we will be focussing on Non-Fiction texts (information books). We will analyse the key features of these books and then begin to develop our knowledge of non-chronological reports (a report written not in time order). We will then create our own reports based on Healthy Lifestyles. We will continue to develop our knowledge of different types of sentences and the punctuation we need at the end of these sentences.</p> <p>In Spring 2 we will continue to focus on Non-Fiction texts but this time will develop our knowledge of instructions. We will analyse different sets of instructions before following and creating our own.</p> <p>Handwriting will continue to be practised daily and most children will now be learning to join their writing. When their joins are formed correctly and embedded into their independent writing; Year 2 children can earn a pen pass to write with.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>In maths, this half term we will be focusing on multiplication and division. Our objective is to recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using the (×), (÷) and (=) signs. We will then develop our knowledge of multiplication and division to solve problems and finally show that the multiplication of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and division of one number by another cannot.</p> <p>In Spring 2 we will begin to develop our knowledge of fractions and begin to find fractions of shapes and numbers. We will also begin to measure length and height.</p>
<p>SATs & Phonics Screening</p>	<p>In Year 2 children take Standard Assessment Tests, also known as SATs. These tests must be carried out during the month of May but on no specific date. Whenever we feel the children are ready, they complete the tests in reading, maths and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar).</p> <p>Children in Year 2 that didn't pass the Phonics Screening Check in Year 1, will re-take the test in the week commencing Monday 8th June. Please ensure no holidays are booked during the month of May or Phonics Screening week.</p>

<p>Learning Challenge</p>  	<p>What was life like before I was born?</p> <p>During the term we will learn about the Victorians and how life in the past compares to now. We will start our learning challenge by inviting Grandparents into school to ask them questions about their own childhoods. We will then delve into Victorian life and explore school life, toys and work life. We will also have a Victorian Day to enhance our experience of this period of time.</p> <p>In Design Technology we will be developing our cutting, measuring and sewing skills to create hand puppets. In Spring 2, we will apply our knowledge about healthy lifestyles to design and create our own pizza during our Warburtons workshop. We will use our investigation skills in science to explore how to be hygienic. We will develop our knowledge of what we need to survive and think carefully about developing healthy lifestyles. We will begin to develop our knowledge about animals and their offspring and how their lifecycles vary.</p>
<p>PE</p> 	<p>During indoor PE in Spring 1 we will be doing dance. We will explore using our bodies to show moods and develop our performance skills. In Spring 2, we will be doing gymnastics and developing our sequencing skills further by adding starting and finishing positions.</p> <p>Parks will have indoor PE on a Wednesday and outdoor PE on a Friday. Nightingales will have indoor PE on a Friday and Outdoor PE on a Monday.</p> <p>Your child will need their PE kit in school every day incase the day changes. Please ensure all items are labelled.</p>
<p>Trips</p> 	<p>Both classes will be visiting Long Eaton Library this month. Nightingales will be visiting on Tuesday 28th January, leaving school at 1pm. Parks class will be visiting on Friday 31st January, leaving school at 1pm. The children will be given the opportunity to join the library whilst they are there if the form is completed beforehand. The application form will follow.</p> <p>On Tuesday 11th February, we will be going to Newstead Abbey to embed our learning on the Victorians.</p> <p>If you can help on either of these trips please let us know. If we receive too many volunteers, names will be pulled from a hat.</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 Fearnley) Step 3: Senior Leader</p>