Brookland Junior School

Year 5 Newsletter – Autumn Term 2023



'Kind, Respectful, Best'

Guided Reading

We will focus on the reading skills of inference, retrieval, explanation, vocabulary, prediction and sequencing across a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts including:

The Boy in the Tower Monsterology Maps Black History Biographies

Handwriting

Children are encouraged to write in joined handwriting where possible and all will be writing in blue pen.

Writing

This term for English we will be focussing on the following texts:

- The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and the Horse
- Wolves in the wall
- Monsterology
- Cloud Tea Monkeys



Maths

During this term, Year 5 will be covering a range of topics including:

- Place Value
- Decimals
- Written methods for addition and subtraction
- · Multiplication and division
- Fractions
- Statistics

To improve your child's confidence, they will benefit from home practise of:

- Telling the time to and past the hour at five- and one-minute intervals.
- Knowing their times tables up to 12 x 12.
- Basic mental and arithmetic calculation practise.

Science

The children will be learning about Space and Forces this term using a variety of interactive means to engage in the topic. They will be able to plan different types of enquiries to answer questions. Children will make investigations, record their data and present findings.

PE

In our PE sessions children will have an outdoor and an indoor lesson. Our focus this term is:

Tag Rugby, Badminton
Dance, Handball and swimming

History

Our first topic this term is Vikings. The children will be learning about who the Vikings were and why they came to Britain.

Geography

In the second half term, the children will be learning about map work for Geography and taking part in fieldwork as well as using digital mapping.

RE

Our lessons are based around Judaism and Christianity with a focus on the creation. After half term, we will move onto the different beliefs and practices surrounding Christmas.

PSHE

The children will be focussing on their feelings with: Feeling Safe and Safe Networks. This shifts after half-term to learn about: Respect, Discrimination and Friendships. This term will also include a Black History focus.

<u>Art</u>

Our focus is creating 3d sculptures by recycling card and paper, inspired by artists Ferry Staverman and David Stark.



Design & Technology (DT)

We will be planning, designing, and creating a mechanical toy with a moving part. The learning will include deciding our own success criteria, then evaluating our end product.

Spanish

This half term, we will be learning how to discuss our pets (Mi mascota). We will then move on to begin to tell the date.



Music

In our music lessons we follow the Charanga programme with our focus this term being rock music where the children will learn Living on a Prayer by Bon Jovi. Next term we will study jazz, Bossa Nova and Swing.

Home Learning

Homework will be sent home every **Friday** to be handed in the following **Thursday**. Children will mark their homework in school Friday morning.

This will consist of a maths, reading and a spelling activity.

There is also a homework menu available for the term so that the children can pick and choose projects to complete across the term.

Reminders

PE lessons: Wednesday and Thursday

Please ensure PE uniform is worn to school on these days.

Reading books and reading records must be brought in **everyday**.

Aspen are swimming on Thursdays this term so will need to ensure they bring their swimming kit with them on this day.

All their belongings, including any items of clothing, are the children's responsibility, and should be **clearly named**.

Communication with teachers

If you have any queries or concerns about any aspects of the curriculum or your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

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