



Bradwell Village School

Year Four Newsletter

September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to a new year at Bradwell Village School and the start of the Autumn Term! I would like to say a massive well done to all the children who have settled into Year Four and have been brilliant with all our new safety routines. Thank you to all the parents/carers who have supported their children with this at home too.

We began our year with Creative Fortnight and our focus was 'Being Happy' where we learnt about friendship, wellbeing and strategies to deal with our worries. Take a look at some of the children's fantastic, hard work and creativity on our school website. www.bradwellvillageschool.co.uk

If you would like to contact a class teacher these are their class email addresses.

Mrs Murray – 4NM@bvsmk.co.uk

Mrs Tyler or Miss Wiseman –
4TW@bvsmk.co.uk

Mrs Brodie-Shaw – 4HBS@bvsmk.co.uk

Cycling to school

Can parents of all children who cycle to school please reinforce the safety issues surrounding riding in the road. We would also prefer it if they wore helmets.

Many thanks.

Parents Evenings

Usually after half term we have face to face meetings with all parents to discuss how your children are settling in. Unfortunately, due to the current pandemic we are unable to offer this.

We will be sending home a written overview of Reading, Writing and Maths alongside a general comment on how the term has gone so far.

If you have any concerns in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Uniform

Despite the children not changing for PE or leaving coat on pegs, we are still seeing a build-up of lost property. Please could you ensure all clothing is labelled. Thank you.



Jewellery

A reminder. Please ensure no jewellery is worn on days your child has PE or Games.

Parking outside our schools

Please could you be aware of the dangers of parking outside Bradwell Village and Priory Common. There are times where emergency services would not be able to make their way to the schools should the need arise. Keep your eyes open for children running to their parents. We have also had a request from Bellfounder that parents refrain from parking in their allotted spaces.

Thank you on their behalf.

Visiting School

If for any reason you need to visit school for a meeting or to speak with anyone in the office, please ensure you gel your hands on entry and you also wear a mask.

Email and mobile numbers

With the chance of home learning always a possibility, can you please keep us up to date with any changes in your contact details, especially your mobile numbers and email addresses.

Email admin@bvsmk.co.uk or see Miss Chambers or Mrs Walters in the office.

A reminder of start and finish times

Please see below the start and finish times for each year group. Do not arrive before the allotted times please. It is starting to get busy out by the gates and it is becoming increasingly difficult for some parents to remain socially distant from others. If you have younger children starting at either Priory Common or Heelands Schools and it clashes with our start times, see the younger children settled first.

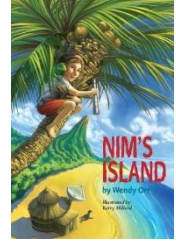
We will not mark your child as late but do let us know if this is the case. Can you let us know if you do have younger children at either of those schools as we now have the facility to record this.

Year Group	Start	Finish
6	8.50	2.55
5	9.00	3.05
4	8.50	2.55
3	9.00	3.05

Subject Overviews

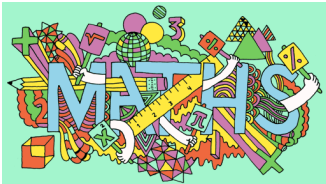
English

During this term, we immerse ourselves in two books, which relate to our topic and allow the children to explore different styles of writing relating to volcanoes and fire. The first is *Nim's Island* from which they will write a diary entry and a letter. The second text is *The Firework Maker's Daughter*. We use this text to stimulate story writing and description. We will continue practising spelling, punctuation and grammar throughout the week and any practise at home will be really helpful in developing these skills.



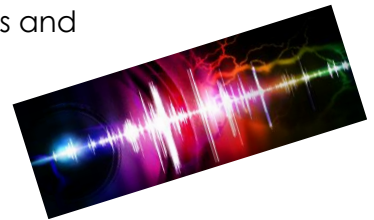
Mathematics

To begin with maths in Year Four will focus on number skills and increasing the size of the numbers the children use to calculate with. They will be learning more advanced methods for the four operations which they will use throughout the year. In B2B we will begin with practising our times tables as these are vital to all areas of maths and give the children a great head start.



Science

In studying sound this term the children will learn how sound travels and what affects volume and pitch. In addition, we look at solids, liquids and gases and devise an experiment to test them.



Computing

After learning how to stay safe online, the first term of Year Four focuses on refreshing the basic computing skills and giving the children confidence to explore computing programs. They will then delve back into coding to learn how to program a moving object.

Games/PE

In Games the children will be looking at techniques to help them with invasion games and hockey in particular. During PE we will explore movement in gymnastics.

Music



The children will explore how to record different sounds and, using their recordings, they will note down their own melody. They will then have the chance to play this on a range of instruments.

French

French in Year Four involves the children learning how to use words relating to the weather, travel and sports. They will learn these through vocabulary pictures, paired work and song.

RE/PSHE

During our RE lessons, the children will have the opportunity to look at religious buildings and their purposes. In PSHE we will start with the topic: Being Me in My World where the children will think about their roles and responsibilities within school and their community.



Topic



This term our topic is '**BANG!**'

In **History** we will be looking at the explosion of Pompeii and placing the events of history in chronological order.

In **Geography** we will be learning about what the Earth is made of and how it is formed. With this understanding, we will explore how volcanoes are formed and where they are located.

Our **Art** this term will concentrate on different painting techniques.

The **Design and Technology** linked to this topic provides the chance for the children to come up with a product to meet specific needs in the case of a natural disaster which is explored in **International**.

Homework

The children are set homework each week which we require them to complete. We ask that the children are encouraged to do their very best with their homework with written work completed in pen and maths work completed in pencil. In preparation for the test on Fridays, please encourage your children to practice their spellings on the Spelling Shed website and times tables on TT Rock Stars.

Reading

It is beneficial for the children to read daily from a range of texts and have the opportunity to discuss them at school and at home.

Year 4 Teaching Staff

Mrs Murray (Year Team Lead and class teacher 4NM) **Miss Wiseman** and **Mrs Tyler** (Class Teacher 4TW) and **Mrs Brodie-Shaw** (Class Teacher 4HBS),

Learning Support Assistants are **Miss Allan**, **Mrs White** and **Mrs Crew**.



Meet the team - Fantastic Fours!

Mrs Murray (Year Four Team Leader and Class Teacher 4NM)

I am new to BVS and excited about working with the fabulous year four children and the wonderful team. I have taught for many years across all year groups in KS2 but year four is by far my favourite. Self-care and having quality family time are important to me but I also love reading and solving maths challenges which we will have some fun with this year.

Miss Wiseman (Assistant Head and Class Teacher 4TW)

I have been teaching at BVS for over ten years now but this is my first year teaching Year Four here. It will be fun teaching a new curriculum to you! In my spare time I love reading and I go to the gym regularly (although I don't always enjoy that!). I am also a season ticket holder for Northampton Town FC and used to go to all the home games before lockdown as well as lots of away games too. I hope to be back in a stadium soon!

Mrs Tyler (Class Teacher 4TW)

I am looking forward to working with the children in Year Four, most of whom I know from last year. I am hoping to have lots of fun with my classes and to see them go from strength to strength as they immerse themselves into the exciting Year 4 curriculum. I am especially looking forward to teaching the topics this year as well as our English work linked to the book 'Nim's Island'. Our values this term are kindness and respect, which I have already seen many children demonstrating since we have returned to school – a fantastic start!

Mrs Brodie-Shaw (Class Teacher 4HBS),

This is my fourth year teaching in Year Four at BVS and I am looking forward to getting to know the new children and teachers. I love teaching maths and promoting a love of reading in the children! I am in charge of TT Rockstars and I want BVS to become the number one school in Milton Keynes. In my spare time I am part of an amateur dramatic group which helps me bring a bit of flair to my teaching.

Our lovely learning support assistants:

Mrs Crew

I have been at BVS for nearly 2 years now and I love helping the children with their learning. My favourite subject is maths! I enjoy reading and watching movies with my family. I am really looking forward to getting to know all the lovely Year Four children.

Mrs White

I have worked at BVS as an LSA since 2006. As well as classroom support I look after the school library and have led cooking sessions with all the children in the school. I enjoy cooking, mainly baking in my spare time as well as gardening. I enjoy going for long walks, photography and travelling to sunny places.

Miss Allen

I have worked within Bradwell Village School for 5 years now and worked with many year groups. I love reading and helping others to enjoy it too. I can't wait to help this year's Year Fours become the best they can be.

Contact Us

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, we are always available at the gate before or after school. Alternatively, you can email us directly on our class email addresses:

We look forward to a wonderful term of hard work, challenge and celebrating success.

Mrs Murray and the Year Four team.