

Bradwell Village School

Newsletter October 2021

Dates for your Diary

Mon 1 st Nov	Children back to school
Weds 10 th November	Parents evening 3.30 – 7.00
Thurs 11 th November	Parents evening 3.30 – 6.00
Tues 14 th and Weds 15 th December	Possible Christmas Carol concert (Covid allowing)
Thurs 17 th December	Christmas Jumper day

Well done to everyone for a really successful half term. It has been lovely to experience some normality. We had several children represent Bradwell Village School at the Cross Country Event on Saturday 16th October. It was a beautifully sunny morning and the children ran well and seemed to enjoy themselves.

Hot School Dinners

Just a reminder that we are planning on introducing hot meals for Years 5 and 6 on Monday 15th November and the following week for Years 3 and 4. Please contact the school office for further information.

Uniform

Please can you ensure all uniform is named and avoid hoodies. On PE days children should be wearing their school jumpers.

Residential

Years 5 and 6 have enjoyed a fun packed week at Liddington, near Swindon. They braved the cold weather, sunshine and rain to climb, literally, to new highs. A big thankyou to all the adults who helped to make this such a success and to the children who were great ambassadors for our school.

News

Chantelle Baldwin will be taking up the position of Acting Deputy Head at Romans Field school from November 1st on secondment. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the best in her new endeavour for the rest of the school year.

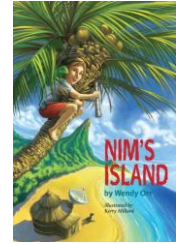
Parents Evening

Don't forget to book your parents evening appointments for either Wednesday 10th or Thursday 11th November.

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.



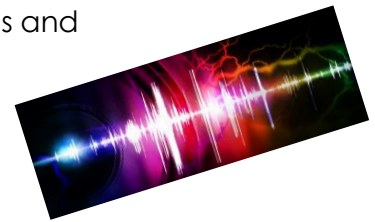
Mathematics

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.

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. Homework will be sent home on a Wednesday and will be expected back in school on Mondays.



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

Miss Harris (Year Team Lead and class teacher 4EH) **Mr Yearsley**
(class teacher)

Learning Support Assistants are **Mrs Slaven, Mrs Anderson and Mr Hawkins.**