



Bradwell Village School

Year Three Newsletter

September 2019

Dates for your Diary

11 th September	Work with your child/coffee morning
13 th September	Open afternoon to celebrate Creative Weeks from 2.15pm
25 th September from 3.30pm - 5pm	Meet the Y3 teachers
24 th October	Flu Vaccinations and last day of half term
25 th October	INSET Day
4 th November	Children back to school
6 th and 7 th November	Parents Evenings
17 th and 18 th December	Christmas Performance
20 th December	Last day of term
7 th January 2020	Children back to school

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to a new year at Bradwell Village School and the start of the Autumn Term! We will be beginning our year with Creative Fortnight and our focus is the 1970s. As BVS is 40 years old, each year group will be looking at a different decade. We welcome you to come and join us in some work on Wednesday 11th September; you will spend an hour being creative from 9.30 and hope you stay for the coffee morning in support of the Macmillan Cancer charity. We also have our open afternoon from 2.15pm to 3.15pm on Friday 13th September when you can come and have a look at the children's hard work.

Our topic for this next term is "It's Raining Cats and Chocolate". The children will investigate all about chocolate and its origins.

Parents Evening will be coming up in the second half term but if any issues arise in the meantime, don't hesitate to contact us. We are holding a 'Meet the Year Three Team' drop in event for parents on Wednesday 25th September from 3.30pm to 5pm. A letter will follow closer to the time.



School Uniform



A reminder that all hair adornments should be small and either blue, black or white.

Can all clothing, especially jumpers cardigans and coats be clearly labelled with the child's name. We already have lost property gathering.

Parking

Year Five will be going swimming on Tuesdays for 6 weeks. Can you please leave enough space for the coach to park as they are due back at 3.15pm. Unfortunately this was the only time we could get.

Many thanks, Mr Bass



Coffee morning

A reminder that our joint 40th / Macmillan coffee morning is tomorrow. All bought cakes will be gratefully received. Unfortunately, we can't have homemade cakes. Please wear comfy shoes as your children will want you to join them on the playground at break.



Aldi's

We are going to be collecting the Team GB stickers from Aldi's. If you shop there, and are given some, can your children bring them in and give them to their class teachers. We may be able to get free sports equipment. This would make Mr Bass and Mr Parkinson happy people ! !



Finally, Homework will be set each week and can be found on the school website. Please encourage your child/children to read as much as possible.

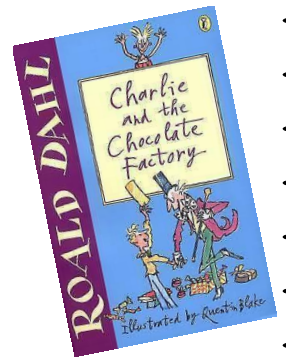
Should you have any concerns, contact the class teacher initially. Year Team Managers are also available to help.

Healthy Tuck shop coming soon..... details to follow

Subject Overviews

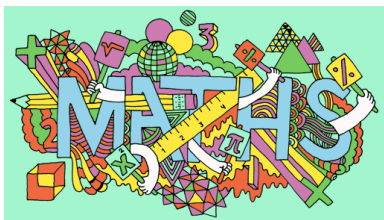
English

We will be working on descriptive writing, particularly focusing on settings and character descriptions using the rainforest and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory for some of our inspiration. As part of our English lessons we will play lots of word games to help develop our spellings and we will consolidate and practise sentence punctuation. We will also be learning how to make our writing more interesting through the use of adjectives and adverbs.



Maths

In Maths we will develop written methods for addition and subtraction and know how to use these methods to solve word problems. We will also be focusing on the children's understanding of place value and the relationships between numbers and number facts.



We will use our Back to Basics sessions to develop rapid mental recall of sequences of numbers, number bonds and times tables. Each week we will either have a problem-solving lesson, where we will learn and practise a range of strategies to solve logic problems, or we will consolidate our written methods. We will also develop our arithmetic skills through our Back to Basics sessions.

Science

Through our learning about the rainforest we will be finding out about the life cycles of plants and what they need in order to live and grow, as well the different parts of flowering plants. We will also find out about how things are seen and learn about reflections, as well as finding out about sunlight and shadows.

Computing

In Computing we will be using the internet to help us research and find out information. As part of our computing lessons we will begin to learn how to make our own simple computer programs.

Games/PE

In Games & PE we will learn different skills to help play a range of invasion games. We will also develop the skills used in gymnastics to make, perform and evaluate our own routines and sequences.

Music

In Music we will be composing and performing rainforest music and using symbols to record our music. We will be making rainforest sounds and listening to, and evaluating, 'The Carnival of the Animals' by Saint Saens.



French

French will be taught through a variety of games and songs. The children will learn simple greetings and how to count. They will learn the French words for rainforest colours and animals.

RE/PSHE

In RE we will be learning about Christianity and what different signs and symbols mean. We will also learn about the significance of some of the Christian stories. In PSHE we will be learning about new beginnings and how to get on with others. We will participate in Circle Time activities and discussions. We will also be promoting the Values of Kindness & Respect.

Topic

This term our topic is '**Its Raining Cats and Chocolate**'.

In **History** we will find out who first discovered chocolate and brought it to Europe. We will also find out why cocoa beans were so important for trade.

In **Geography** we will find out where cacao trees are found. We will learn about cash crops and other products from the rainforest. We will use maps and atlases to locate rainforests and learn about the positions of longitude and latitude, the Equator and the Tropics. We will find out why rainforests are being destroyed and how people are trying to save them. We will look at some of the main features of North and South America and compare different regions within Brazil, as well as finding out about how rainforest tribes live.



In **Art** we will look at the paintings and techniques of Henri Rousseau. We will consider how art can be used to create a rainforest scene and make our own. We will learn different sketching techniques and sketch trees.



In **Design & Technology** we will learn how to make chocolate and what can be added to change its flavour. We will design and make a wrapper for a new chocolate bar.

For our **International Links** we will find out what Fair Trade chocolate is and what other Fair Trade products there are.

HOMEWORK

Maths and English tasks are set every week. Please encourage your child to complete them to the best of their ability. We also give children the opportunity to be more creative through the optional tasks we set.

Children are also expected to practise their timetables and spellings which they will get weekly from their English teacher.

READING

We ask that the children read on a daily basis. All the children have an appropriate reading book to take home. When they finish their book please encourage them to return it and put it in the 'Returned Books' box. They will then be issued with a new book.

Year 3 Teaching Staff

Miss Wiseman (Assistant Headteacher), **Miss Branch** (Class Teacher), **Mrs Tyler and Miss Thompson** (Class Teacher).

Learning Support Assistants **Mrs Dean-Corke, Mrs Stephenson and Mrs Bedford**