



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



We will be looking at a variety of text types and creating links with our topic work. After Creative Week, we will be working on writing our own setting descriptions based on a beach setting from the text, *The Lost Thing*. This will be great preparation for our work with writing a short fantasy story later in the term. Linked to our topic, 'De l'Afrique', we will write a diary entry using an extract from the *Diary of an Edo Princess* which we will use for our guided reading work after Anthony Horowitz's *Storm Breaker*. A very exciting read! Throughout the term, we will be focusing on the basics of spelling, punctuation and grammar.



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Maths

This term we will be looking at place value and number operations, relating these to real life problems. We will spend a lot of time focusing on our written and mental methods and will be utilising these for worded problems. Our Back to Basics sessions will continue to develop the speed of mental recall, particularly when it comes to times tables.

Science

We will be studying the evolution and their inheritance to find out more about how living things on earth have changed over time. We will look at how characteristics are passed from parents to their offspring and how variation over time affects survival in particular environments. Later in the term, in our electricity unit, we will learn about circuits and what happens when different components are used.



Computing

In Computing we will be refining our research skills as well as studying how to be safe online.

Games/PE



In Games & PE we will be developing our invasion games and improving our dance through the Haka.

French

In French the children will be learning the vocabulary for different ice cream flavours and be beginning to engage in conversations to ask for ice cream. They will also learn the vocabular for healthy foods and activities and answer questions about keeping healthy.

RE/PSHE

In RE we will be learning about why, where and how people worship. In PSHE we will be discussing behaviour choices, the year ahead and fears and worries of the future. We will also be promoting the values of Kindness & Respect.

History

Our topic for this term is 'De l'Afrique', where we will be learning about the ancient civilisation of the Kingdom of Benin.



Geography

We will be learning about settlements and carrying out a local study comparing Milton Keynes to Benin

Design & Technology

Linked to our science work, we will be designing and creating a working game with an electrical system.

Art

We will be studying and making masks and costumes in the style used in Western Africa.

Music

We will learn about musical vocabulary and their meanings to be able to use them in musical appraisals. We will also learn the lyrics to sing songs, and compose and play instruments to a melody using simple rhythms.

Homework

Open ended tasks are set every week. Please encourage your child to complete them to the best of their ability.

Reading

We ask that the children read on a daily basis. Please encourage your child to read a variety of texts: fiction, non-paperbacks, hardbacks, the classics, newspapers, comics, magazines etc.



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Spellings

Spellings are taught daily. The children are given a list of words each week that fit the spelling pattern that they are working on. These words need to be practised at home for their weekly assessment.

Times Tables

The children need to know, and be able to quickly recall, their times tables and all related facts. Any practice at home will be a great advantage.

Year 6 Teaching Staff

Mrs Murray (Year Team Leader and Class Teacher),
Miss Swain (Class Teacher), Mrs Morris and Miss
Branch (Class Teacher), **Miss Vivian** (Class Teacher)
and **Miss Vincent** (Head of School) for Maths.

Our Learning Support Assistants are **Miss Allen, Mrs
Crew, Mrs Smith and Mrs Keep.**

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 Six team.