

# Broadmayne First School Weekly Reminder

Week Beginning: Monday 13th January 2025



## Whole School Reminders:



This week we will be 'flying high' by focusing on the following Learning Attribute:

Being Respectful by showing Courage

We will get stars in our jar by showing Courage in the following ways:

- Stepping out of our comfort zone
- Doing the right thing, not the easy thing.
- Facing a challenge
- Overcoming fears
- Encouraging others

Heart Smart: Too Much Selfie Isn't Healthy!



Next week we have Space Week. We have the following activities arranged to support their learning:

On Tuesday the children will be visiting the Planetarium. We politely request £3.00 to support the cost of this activity.

On Thursday we have Professor Lee visiting us in assembly to show us some super science.

## Reception



This is what we will be getting up to this week...

Happy New Year and a huge welcome back, we hope that you had a wonderful time celebrating with your families! We have had a very busy start to the half term and by the end of today I am sure the children will be ready for a restful weekend.

Next week we are going 'To Infinity and Beyond!' in our Space week. We will continue with our Phonics, Maths and Drawing Club learning in the mornings which will be followed by space themed activities in the afternoon, this will include a visit to the Planetarium on Tuesday.

Words of the day this week: vet, cobweb, mix, vixen, exit.

**Phonics:** This week we will be recapping sounds and words learnt so far and will continue to learn our new sounds, please look out for these in your child's sound book. It is very important to recap the sounds and words daily alongside reading at home. Please record any reading done at home in your child's yellow reading diary for them to receive a reading certificate. .

**Handwriting:** This week we have learnt the letter y. The children will be learning their last long ladder letter next week which is j. Please look out for some home learning tips on how you can support your child with this at home.

**Drawing Club:** We will be focusing our learning on 'Button Moon' which is related to our space theme this week. The children will be doing lot's of sentence writing alongside some beautiful illustrations.

Maths: In Maths this week we will be focusing our learning on the children's subitising skills.

**Topic:** Our topic this half term is 'Wonderful Winter', please have a look at our topic web which has been emailed to you and is on the school website to find out what we will be gettin up to.

Things to remember...

- \*Reading diaries and books in every day.
- \*A healthy fruit/vegetable snack if you do not want a school one.
- \*Water bottle with water.
- \*A warm coat, hat, scarf.
- \*No toys from home please unless for show and tell, please check the rota for your day.
- \*PE kits
- \*Wellingtons for the woods.

### Year 1

## Weekly News

Happy New Year and welcome back!! We have had a very busy start to the term and have a very exciting week coming up... Science Week! Our theme is Space which fits in very well with our Year One topic this half term which is 'To Infinity and Beyond!' We will continue with our Phonic, Maths and English learning in the morning this week and take part in Space themed activities in the afternoons!

English: We will look at the first page of our new class book, 'Look Up!' by Nathan Bryon. We will talk about the main character and what we think we know about her based on what we see. We will write about what we see. Our focus will be on correct letter formation. Due to Science Week, reading books will be swapped on Tuesday and Friday just for next week.

**Maths**: We will learn about number bonds this week. We will explore number bonds using different manipulatives and then record our learning. We will also look at the days of the week as an introduction to time.

**Science**: We will be visiting the mobile planetarium on Tuesday morning. We will also think about why astronauts need to wear spacesuits and how these suits protect astronauts. We will

investigate which materials are good insulators and then use what we learn from this to design a space suit!

**History:** We will begin our new topic 'To infinity and Beyond'. Over the coming weeks we will find out about significant astronauts from history, both male and female. We will also revisit the concept of a timeline. This week we will look at the job of an astronaut and what astronauts need when visiting space.

**Design technology**: We will use our new knowledge of 3d shapes to help us design and make space rockets from junk. (Please can each child bring in a selection of empty cartons, tubes, yoghurt pots etc for Friday 17th. *Not empty toilet paper tubes.)* 

#### Weekly Reminders

- Please make sure reading books and diaries are in school every day. Don't forget to record all home reading in diaries as they count towards reading certificates!
- Please ensure that your child has a warm coat in school every day and that any hats, gloves and scarves are named!
- Please remember that the children should only have fruit or veg for snack time.
- We do <u>not</u> have Show and Tell sessions in Year 1 so please do not allow your child to bring toys into school. Thank you!

# Year 2 Weekly News

Happy New Year! We hope you have all enjoyed a happy and restful Christmas and New Year. We have loved welcoming the children back into class this week and they are all working so hard. Next week we will be taking part in Science week so our learning will look slightly different. We will be focusing on space in our lessons and looking more closely at the planets.

#### Moths:

In Maths we have started work on money. The children have been recapping the value of different coins and learning how to count pounds and pence. Next week the children will be continuing to practise counting in pounds and pence and will begin to look at the various coins we can use to make different amounts of money. You can support your child at home by continuing to practise recognising and sorting pence and pounds.

#### English:

Our focus this half term is on diary writing and the children have already started writing some excellent diary entries this week. Next week we will be using the space themed book 'Whatever Next' to help us write diary entries as though we were visiting Space. You can practise these skills with your child at home by asking them to write a diary at home about their weekend. Your children may even be able to tell you what important features should be included in a diary. Date/time, past tense, first person, adjectives, time conjunctions and feelings.

Topic:

Our Topic for this half term is The Great Fire of London and so far the children have looked at the

differences between London in the past and London now. Next week we will be taking a break from our GFOL topic to focus on Space and more specifically the planets. We will be learning to name and order the planets and will even have a go at making our own solar system models using paper mache!

#### P.E:

In P.E this half term we will be focusing on Dance in our Monday lesson and ipractise in our Wednesday lesson. Our focus for Monday's lesson will be cheerleading and our focus for Wednesday will be agility.

Forest School

#### Forest School:

The children all really enjoyed their first Forest school session this week. Forest school will continue on Thursday morning so please send your child dressed in appropriate clothing for the woods. It does get cold in the woods so thick socks, hats and gloves are advised.

#### Snack:

Can we please request that only fruit, veg and healthy snacks are sent into school with your children. We also have a school snack available for children to eat during snack time. Please avoid sending in crisps and chocolate if possible. Thank you for your support with this.

## Year 3



#### Weekly news:

Happy New Year and welcome back!! We have had a very busy start to the term. Next week we are going 'To Infinity and Beyond!' in our Space week. We will continue with our Phonics, Maths and English learning in the morning this week and take part in some Space themed activities in the afternoons! This will include a visit to the Planetarium on Tuesday and a special assembly on Thursday.

**Maths**: We will start our learning about multiplication and division by grouping and counting in sequences.

**English**: We will be starting our new book - The Pebble in My Pocket. This will inspire some drama and poetry writing.

**Science:** Our Science will focus on space themed activities including learning about the Mars Rover and how rocks and soils are collected and categorised and an investigation.

Computing: We are aiming to make an animation of a journey to space.

PE: PE will be on Monday and Friday next week. The session on Monday will be Moon themed gymnastics and Friday will be Tag Rugby with Trevor. Please ensure that the children have a warm, (named) PE kit available for Fridays, which should include trainers without studs.

Reading books will be collected on a Tuesday and Friday as before. Please indicate in the reading records any reading that the children have been doing as this will contribute to their certificates.

#### Reminders:

- Please can the children only have fruit or veg (or possibly cheese) for snack in line with

- other classes. We will now be eating snack when we return to the classroom after break.
- Please ensure that children have warm coats in school (hats and gloves are recommended)
  Thank you

Please let me know if you have any questions.

## Year 4



#### Weekly news:

Happy New Year! We have had a lovely return to school - well done to the children!! This week is Space Week! We are continuing with our Maths, English and SPaG curriculum but everything else will be based on Space. As the lower Key Stage curriculum does not focus on Space, we will be endeavouring to foster a curiosity about the subject. We will start in a general fashion by finding out information about our Solar System and then look at the effects of gravity on different planets. Unfortunately, Professor Brian Cox was too busy to come in but we can watch him in action on the screen!! However, we will be visiting the mobile planetarium on Tuesday afternoon!! Thank you for all the pringle containers! These will represent planets and the children will experience how the force of gravity varies around the solar system by feeling how the weight of the tube would change on different planets. I hope we have a lot of fun! Our work will sow the seeds of thought for Year 5 when they look at forces.

**Reading:** Mrs Tindell collects in the children's books every day so please ensure your child puts their yellow reading record and reading book in their bags everyday.

**PE:** Our PE days continue on Wednesday afternoons when we are doing gymnastics. Trevor is taking us on Friday afternoons for Tag Rugby.

#### Other news:

**English:** We have started our new text, **Pugs of the Frozen North** and will be continuing to look at descriptive writing. **Guided Reading:** Our work will be Space Based this week.

**Maths:** We will be dividing by 10 and 100. In our extra times tables sessions, we will continue to revise our 7 times table.

**SPaG:** We will be learning about determiners and pronouns.

**Hooke Court:** Our class residential trip to Hooke Court this year will be from 26th-28th March. We would like to invite all parents to an information meeting next Friday 17th January at 2.45pm to share the details of this exciting trip.