



Broadmayne First School Weekly Reminder

Week Beginning: Monday 9th September 2024

Reception



We have had a wonderful start to the academic year, our settling in sessions have been brilliant and we are looking forward to welcoming you all back into Acorns class next week.

Things to remember next week...

*Mrs Crumbleholme will be with the children Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday pm and Mrs Ashdown will be in on Wednesday am, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Clarke our lovely teaching assistant will be in the classroom full time and Mrs Barker our other lovely teaching assistant will be in every morning of the week.

*School uniform

*A waterproof coat

*Water bottles (no squash)

*Book bag- please make sure that this is brought into school every day. Books will be changed on a Monday. Please read with your child daily and make a record of any reading (even if you have read to them- there will be two reading books and a 'own choice' book which is like their library book) in their reading diaries, you will get these on Monday.

*PE kit (white top and black/navy shorts) which stays in school and will be sent home to be washed at half term.

*A healthy snack (we do provide a snack but if you wish to bring your own healthy snack you can, please can your child's name be on these).

*Please label everything, as you can imagine we have lots of lost property and labelling your items can help us to locate them to the right owner.

*We are a nut free school so please DO NOT bring in any foods which contain nuts.

*Doors open at 8.45am and the gate and door will be locked at 8.55 prompt for a 9am register, if you are here after that time then you will have to sign in at the office where you will be marked as late.

*We will be giving the children a marvellous me activity sheet, please can you help them with this

(you can write it) and return it to us.

*Some of you may have noticed we have some frames up in our cloakroom and classroom, we would love it if you could provide us with a 6x4 family photo to go in one of our frames.

*We will begin our phonics lessons next week and your child will be bringing home a phonics newsletter, any support with phonics at home would be brilliant!

*Your child will also be sent home with a name card, we would appreciate it if you could use a whiteboard pen and practise these at home. Please sit with your child while they are doing this so that they form the letters correctly.

We are really looking forward to seeing you all next week, have a wonderful weekend.

Year 1

Firstly, we would like to let you know what a great start the children have made. They have all tried their very best and we are proud of them.

This is what we will be up to this week:

Maths: We will begin learning how to sort objects in different ways as well as learning how to recognise and name 2d shapes.

English: We will be reading and writing captions and labels. We will be remembering how to sit correctly to write and that we need to leave spaces between our words.

Science: We will naming parts of the body.

History : We will be introducing our new topic called Toys by first finding out the meaning of the word history. We will then think about chronology, find out what a timeline is and what it shows. We will create a Chestnut class timeline.

PE: PE will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. The children will be accessing a new holistic curriculum called imoves. The children will have 2 sessions - iexercise and Pilates. The children will need shorts and t-shirts in a separate bag.

Art: The children will be drawing self portraits.

And finally... a big welcome to you all, some new faces and some familiar ones. We look forward to getting to know you and your children.

Year 2



Welcome to Willow class. The children have settled beautifully into life in Year 2 already which has been lovely to see.

Maths:

In Maths this week we will be focusing on place value. The children will be learning to recognise tens and ones within a 2-digit number and using this knowledge to help them solve problems.

English:

In English, we will be introducing the children to our class text for this half term 'The Lonely Beast'. Within our English lessons we will be learning how and when to use capital letters and full stops correctly in our writing.

Topic:

In Topic, we will be introducing the children to our Topic for this half term which is called 'Journeys'. This week in Topic we will be talking about what a historian is and what they do. We will also be talking about the word 'explorer' and talking about explorers that we may already know the names of.

PE Days:

Our P.E days will be Monday and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure your child's P.E kit is in school on these days.

Reading Books:

Your child will be bringing a new reading book home with them this week. Over the next couple of weeks we will carry out a reading assessment with all of the children to ensure that they are placed on the most appropriate book band. Please be patient with us as we carry these assessments out. The children will be asked to change their books on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Coats:

As the weather has very quickly taken a turn for the worse, please ensure your child has a coat in school each day as we will still go outside for playtimes and lunchtimes when it's raining.

Snacks:

We will provide the children with a fruit snack daily. You're very welcome to send your child to school with a snack of their own if you wish, but can we please ask that this is a healthy snack where possible.

Staffing:

Mrs Jordan-Gill will be teaching the children in Year 2 on Wednesdays and Thursday mornings. On occasions this may need to change due to the nature of Mrs Jordan-Gill's role as headteacher, but we will aim to give both families and the children as much notice as possible

when this needs to happen.

Finally, if you have any questions please do feel free to speak to any member of the Year 2 team.

Year 3

Firstly, welcome to Silver Birch Class! The Year 3 Team are very much looking forward to working with both you and your child over the next year. The children have made a good start to the year - we are learning about our School Values and settling into some new routines.

Staffing

In Year 3, there is one teacher, myself - Miss Felgate and 3 support staff. Mr Wilkinson and Miss Barnes will be working with us Monday to Friday and Mrs Castelli will be working with us on Wednesdays.

Snacks:

At breaktime your child may bring in a snack to enjoy. We encourage a healthy choice such as fruit or vegetables. Please do not provide chocolate, cakes or biscuits for their snack.

Reading:

The system used to change books is similar to last year. Children will have the opportunity to change their reading book on a Tuesday and a Friday. We ask that you try to encourage your child to get into the routine for remembering to let us know that their book needs changing. We will also give them reminders. As they choose the books themselves, they may pick a book that they have read before which is fine if it happens a couple of times. However if this is happening repeatedly please let us know! We ask that you record **each read** at home in the Reading Record book. Please try to listen to your child read as often as possible - ideally every day. There is a very clear link between regular home reading and progress. Remember that 5 minutes a day is far more valuable than a longer session just once a week! **Please ensure that reading books and diaries are in school every day.** Thank you!

Our Topics

During the first few weeks, we will be settling into Year 3 and learning about the new routines. Our first topic is 'What makes Dorset such a special place to live?' followed by 'What was it like for local people during WW1? We will spend the first couple of weeks thinking about where we live and what we know about our County before moving on to finding out what life was like during WW1.

This is what we will be up to this week:

Maths: We will be looking at the place value of numbers up to 100, including partitioning.

English: We will be looking at the theme of friendship using *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*.

Geography : We will be starting our Humanities work by learning about Dorset in our topic 'What

makes Dorset such a special place to live?

PE: PE will be on Wednesday and Friday afternoon. On Wednesday the children will be accessing a new holistic curriculum called imoves. This half term will focus on Pilates. On Fridays the children will be developing their tennis skills with Trevor Senior. Please ensure that the children have a warm PE kit in school.

Art: The children will be drawing self portraits. We will then be looking at line and tone.

And finally... if you have any questions please come and chat to a member of the team. Thank you

Year 4

Welcome to Oak Class! We are so excited to start the term and to get to know you all! Please give us time to settle in with your children.

Snacks: At breaktime your child may bring in a snack to enjoy. We encourage a healthy choice such as fruit or vegetables. Please do not provide chocolate, cakes or biscuits for their snack.

Reading: We will endeavour to give each child a reading book this week. As you know, reading is a fundamental skill and needs to be practised daily. Please listen to your child read and enjoy discussing the text with them. We find the children who read more, make greater progress at school and can access the whole curriculum easier. They have a yellow reading record grandiosely entitled, Homework Diary and Reading Record. Please don't worry about the Homework Diary part. Children will write their Home Learning in on Friday and it is usually due on Wednesday.

PE kits: PE is on Wednesday and Friday but please can your child keep a PE kit in school at all times. We are heading into the winter so please can we have a school PE kit for warm and cold weather!

Home Learning: This consists of spellings to practise and an activity. It is usually given out on Friday and, for the most part, due back on Wednesday. Please encourage your child to present all work neatly. I would like the children to use a pencil and if they would like to colour in, to use pencil crayons. Please enjoy your child's activity and celebrate their efforts with us!

Spell check: Spell check will be on a Wednesday morning.

Buddies: By now, your child should have been allocated a Reception Buddy. For the first three days of this week, Year 4 are going to have an early lunch and sit with their buddies which will be lovely. From past experience, some reception children are more independent than others so we will support your child when they realise their little buddy is quite happy to play with others and doesn't 'need' them. Please support us with explaining this to your child too. We always say that when this happens, it means they have done an amazing job!!

A plea! Do you have any empty containers such as yoghurt pots that you can bring in for Monday?!! Thank you! Newspaper is also needed!

Lastly, at the time of writing, I have not set up the Year 4 email system. However, you know where I am! Please come and chat to one of the team if you have a question!!

Weekly news:

Our PE sessions are on Wednesday and Friday. On Wednesdays, we will need PE kit which is appropriate for inside as we are doing Pilates in the hall. On Fridays, Trevor Senior will be taking us for tennis.

English - Phonics - we will be exploring the sound 'y' when it sounds like 'i', such as crystal.
Power Of Reading text - We will be starting Michael Morpurgo's novel, Tom's Sausage Lion. We are using this as a vehicle to explore adverbs and their ability to become 'roving reporters' in sentences. This will lead us to learn how to write a diary entry in the following week.
Our Guided Reading is based on a song with a strong growth mindset theme. We really want the children to feel they can achieve and we will use a famous song to explore this.

Maths - We have already started our unit on Place Value and we are 'playing' with numbers up to 10,000. We shall also be embarking upon our times tables practise.

Science - In Science, we will be Comparing and grouping materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases - just a word of warning.... It could get messy!!

Computing: We will be learning about the internet.

Art: We will be learning about the artist Monet and focusing particularly upon his series of paintings based upon the theme of Rivers. This will coincide with our **Geography** topic on Rivers.

French: We will start our French with some phonics practise!!

RE: We will be thinking about what makes us happy and whether we can be happy all of the time! This will lead us to learning about the Buddhist religion.
We will try our best to get through all of that!!!



Whole School Reminders:



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

I can use kind words

R: I know what a kind word and actions are

Y1: I can use kind words

Y2: I can recognise how kind words affect us

Y3: I can explain when someone is being kind to me and say thank you.

Y4: I can model kind words in the playground

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Start of the day - Door and gate closures

Our classroom doors will open at 8.45am each morning and will close at 8.55am. This is to ensure that our classes have a calming and settled start to the day. Our registers will be taken at 8.57am and learning will begin at 9am. If the gates are closed, this will mean that the classroom doors are closed and you will need to sign your child in at the office.

School bags

Please can all children bring a school bag in each day to carry reading books home.

Staff car park

Please do not park in the staff car-park when dropping off and collecting your children from school, unless you have a blue badge. We have a limited number of spaces and these are required for the staff. Thank you.