



Brackenhill Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

Year 1 – Spruce and Pine

Theme this half term: Happily Ever After

Dear Parents & Carers,

We would like to wish you a warm welcome back after the summer break. It has already been a busy half term and the children have had the opportunity to learn about a landmark in Bradford – Brackenhill Park – and learn about its History and where it is. We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce the Year 1 staff:

Miss Ali – Pine Class Teacher
Miss Khan & Miss Bibsy – LSA
Miss Jabeen – Spruce Class Teacher
Miss Solomons – Student Teacher
Miss Alam & Mrs Din – LSA

As we begin the new year, we would like to kindly remind you of the importance of reading at home with your child. The effect of reading just 20 minutes a day with your child has an astonishing effect on your child's reading. Please also work with your child on their spelling (see below) and practise their 2, 5 and 10 times table. Thank you for your continued support.

What will we be learning about
and how can you help your child?

English: Traditional tales – You can help your child by reading a variety of traditional tales with them such as: Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs, Jack and the Beanstalk. You can also act out the story at home with your child to help them remember the key plot points.

Maths: Place Value (within 10) – You can help your child by practising:

- counting on from any number.
- counting backwards within 10
- recognising numbers as words.

Science: Living Things and their Habitats. Can your child explain the difference between living and non-living things? Does your child know the different stages of the life cycle of a frog? Can your child name three different habitats and explain why an animal habitat is so important?

Theme: In DT we will be working on the 'Fairy Design Project'. The children will develop skills, knowledge and understanding of designing and making functional products for particular purposes and uses. You could help your child by exploring a range of existing products and how they are fit for their purpose. You could also explore the sensory qualities of materials.

In Dance, the children will show emotion through physicality. They will listen to music that represents different emotions and then create ways of moving that are appropriate for each emotion. You could help your child by talking about the different types of emotions and support them to practise using their bodies to represent emotions.

Reminders

PE Days: Monday (Pine & Spruce) Our focus is Athletics.

Times tables to practise at home : 2, 5 and 10

Reading: Please can you ensure that your child is reading their reading book every day at home. You could help your child become fluent in reading the red words and the story green words. If they are struggling to read any of the words in the book, don't forget to encourage them to use Fred Talk.

Spelling: Every Friday the children have a spelling test. Please practise spelling the words daily with your child.

Spellings for the half term

| 1 13/9/2021 | 2 20/9/2021 | 3 27/9/2021 | 4 4/10/2021 | 5 11/10/2021 | 6 18/10/2021 |
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| Tricky words | Tricky words | Tricky words | ff, ll, ss | ll, zz, ck | er |
| the | says | I | off | well | jumper |
| a | are | you | puff | pull | jumping |
| to | was | you | sniff | buzz | jumped |
| do | were | they | miss | fizz | hunter |
| today | is | he | less | back | hunting |
| of | his | be | hiss | stick | hunted |
| said | has | me | she | no | by |
| | | | we | go | my |