



Brackenhill Primary School Curriculum Newsletter



Year 2 – Holly and Maple

Theme this half term: Zero to Hero & The Wordsmith

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had a super busy half term! As geographers, we explored at the 7 continents and 5 oceans. Then we looked at past and present heroes and explored the setbacks that they had. We have persevered this half term when we faced with challenges. We hope that you enjoyed the Christmas show last half term and are ready for another busy term in school.

Reading

Reading at home with your child really does make a huge difference to their life. Please continue to read at home and answer the comprehension questions at the back of the book so the children can show off their understanding.

Reading books are handed out on a Friday and are collected back in the next Wednesday. Please help your child to keep their reading books safe in their book bags and bring book bags to school every day!

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

English: As writers, this half term we will be using the traditional tale The Pied Piper of Hamelin as our class book. We will be innovating characters and the setting. We also be making a change to the end of the story. We are looking forward to our workshop with Alex Fellows who is going to help inspire our writing! You can read the story with your child and act it out to help them remember key plot points.

Maths: This half term we begin to look at Money. To help, you could show the children coins and notes that you have in your purse so that they get used to how these look.

Theme: History – We will be exploring the story of Ignatius Sancho, the first black male to receive the vote in England. To help, you could research Ignatius Sancho and think about the following questions:

- Who was Ignatius Sancho?
- Where did Ignatius Sancho live?
- What did Ignatius Sancho write?

Theme: Design Technology – As designers, we will be creating a bookmark gift for a friend. To help, you could look at different design patterns such as: animal print, camouflage, floral and shape.

Reminders

PE: Year 2 have PE on Tuesday.

Water: Please encourage your child to bring a water bottle to school everyday so that they can stay hydrated. Please rinse out water bottles each night.

Times tables: Please support your child in practising the 2, 5 and 10 times table at home.

Spellings for the half term

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
1.danced	1.driving	1.wetter	1.writer	1.runner	1.shiny
2.hiked	2.writing	2.wettest	2.baker	2.winner	2.slimy
3.hoped	3.hoping	3.sadder	3.maker	3.swimmer	3.wiry
4.liked	4.smiling	4.saddest	4.hiker	4.shopper	4.icy
5.loved	5.baking	5.fatter	5.biker	5.hopper	5.spicy
6.changed	6.blaming	6.fattest	6.mover	6.robber	6.nosy
7.here	7.where	7.came	7.one	7.ask	7.school
8.there	8.love	8.some	8.once	8.friend	8.put
9.prove	9.sure	9.eye	9.should	9.who	9.any
10.improve	10.sugar	10.could	10.would	10.whole	10.many