Brackenhill Primary School
Curriculum Newsletter

Year 3 – Willow and Ash

Theme this half term: Rocky the Findosaur

Dear Parents & Carers,

This half term, the children will be starting their new topic – Rocky the Findosaur. This is a science unit based on rocks and fossils, including what they are, how fossils are formed and the different types of rocks.

As the summer term begins, we would like to kindly remind you of the importance of reading at home with your child. The effect of reading for just 20 minutes a day with your child has an astonishing effect on your child's reading so please try to do this as often as you can with your child. Each child has been given a log-in for the online reading platform "MyOn" – which has over 1000 books on it! Please also work with your child to learn their spellings which you will find listed below for this half term. Please also work with your child to help them practise their 3, 4- and 8-times tables.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

English: Our first unit of work will consist of children exploring and reading a range of quest stories. We will then innovate our class text and the children will write their own version of one. The children will learn many story writing techniques and language features along the way to support their writing journey. You can help your child at home by researching some quest stories online (Myon) or reading similar genres.

Maths- fractions, mass and capacity: You can support your child by practising multiplication strategies with them, which will support your child in multiplying and finding equivalent fractions. You can also help your child by exposing them to mass and capacity based mathematical language. Can you help them measure at home?

Theme: This half term there will be a big focus on science as we will learning about rocks and fossils. This will entail a hunt for rocks, identifying their properties and the similarities and differences between the rocks. Children will have art opportunities in this unit as they will sketch a rock themselves. Furthermore, they will be working scientifically in a range of experiments they will conduct, one being checking whether different rocks are permeable or not. You can help your child by exploring the rock section in the KS2 BBC bitesize.

Reminders

PE Days – Ash and Willow (Monday)

Please ensure water bottles are taken home daily, washed, and then returned the following day with fresh water.

Please can we also kindly remind you that food containing nuts **should not** be included in packed lunches as we are a nut free school.

Your child will either be bringing home a reading book or should use their MyOn log-in to read online. Please can you try to listen to them read and then when they have completed the book, they will take a quiz in school about what they have read. When they complete the quiz, they will change their book for a new one.

Spellings for the half term

Beech Beach Heel Heal Week Heal Possess Possible Potatoes Exhilarate	Steel Steal Beat Beet Cheep Cheap Pressure Probably Promise Multitude	Eight Freight Weight Sleigh Purpose Quarter question Jostle	Past Passed Guessed Guest Recent Regular Reign Private	Obey They Prey Survey Convey Remember Sentence Separate Unsightly	RECAP PREVIOUS SPELLINGS