



Brackenhill Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4- Cedar and Larch

Our theme this half term is: **Lightning Speed**

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- The Shipley Glen Tramway – and learn about its History and where it is and what it is used for now. We even had the fantastic opportunity to ride on the tram which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce the Year 5 staff: In Cedar we have Mr Parker on a Monday, Tuesday Wednesday morning and then Mrs Tahir Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday with Ms Walker supporting. We also have Miss Basharat who is a student teacher working with us in Cedar. In Larch we have Mrs Hussain supported by Mrs Simpson.

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

English: We will be starting off with a Narrative- The story of how Boot lost his memory. The children are already so engrossed in the story and are really enjoying reading the text as a class.

Later this half term, we will write a persuasive text and try to persuade Boot the Robot to visit Bradford.

You can help your child at home by writing an adventure story using the setting of Bradford.

Maths: Our main focus is on recapping 3 digit numbers before moving onto 4. We will use concrete resources and pictorial images to help with our understanding then use reasoning and problem solving to secure our knowledge. Does your child know why we use a place holder? Can your child partition a 4 digit number? I.e. 4790 = 4000, 700, 90 and 0

Theme: Science- Electricity. Are you able to help your child how the main components work? A bulb, a motor and a wire?

Computing: Computer Networks. Are you able to show your child how a computer network works at your home? How does the computer connect to the internet?

Design and Technology: Design and make a model of a new communications device for the Evil Genius. You can help your child by researching current ways of communication and how they were invented.

History: The history of The World Wide Web. Does your child know when the World Wide Web was invented? Who invented it?

Reminders

PE is on Tuesday for Cedar and Larch class this half term.

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

Reminder that snack at breaktimes should only be fruit. No crisps, chocolates or sweets are allowed to be eaten at breaktimes.

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 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. Please also work with your child to learn their spellings which you will find listed below for this half term.

In Year 4, there will be a big focus on time tables. Please ensure that children are taking time out to complete their weekly homework and have an opportunity to learn their times tables through TT Rockstars and Mathsframe websites too.

Children will also be given their weekly spellings to learn at home as well as practising them at home too.

Spellings for the half term

Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
Supermarket	subheading	interval	anticlockwise	autograph	Non-existent
Supernova	submarine	intercept	antifreeze	autobiography	Non-fiction
Supernatural	subtract	interfere	antisocial	automobile	non-living
Superman	subtitle	interact	antiseptic	automatic	non-essential
Supervisor	subway	intercom	antidote	autopilot	non-renewable
Accident	address	arrive	breathe	calendar	certain
Accidentally	although	believe	build	caught	circle
Actual	answer	bicycle	busy	centre	complete
Actually	appear	breath	business	century	consider