



Brackenhill Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4 – Cedar and Larch

Theme this half term: May The Force Be With You

Dear Parents & Carers,

This half term the children will be focussing on a science unit about forces and magnets. The children will find out how things move on different surfaces. They will also observe how some forces need contact between two objects and some forces act at a distance. They will later experiment with different types of magnets and know that magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others.

Thank you for supporting your child with their times tables and reading at home. The children are becoming very competitive and are eager to complete their reading and take their reading quizzes. A shoutout to Sharon in Cedar class and to Zahra in Larch class this half term, who are currently working hard to complete the most quizzes.... but all that can change!

Thank you for your continued support.

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

English: In English this half term, we will be focusing on the text Viking boy. Using this story, we will be writing a newspaper article about the character Gunnar fighting back. You can have a look at how newspaper articles are set out and what features newspapers have. Your child could create a Viking shield or sword and think about how Gunnar could seek revenge for his loss.

Maths: In Maths this half term, we will carry on with fractions and then move onto decimals. You can help your child at home by asking them to explain and give examples of mixed and improper fractions. For decimals, you can explore how to divide whole numbers by 10 and 100. E.g. $24 \div 10 =$

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Theme: We will be focusing on the seasons around the world. We will learn about Russia. You can help your child at home by locating Russia on a map, name some of Russia's major cities and also think about what spring is like in Russia based on where it is situated in the world. The children can also research what a dacha is and how it's connected with springtime.

Reminders

PE Days – Both Larch and Cedar class will have their PE day on a Tuesday.

Please ensure water bottles are taken home daily, washed and then returned the following day with fresh water as we have noticed that quite a few children are not bringing their water bottles daily.

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.

Multiplication Checks: The multiplication tests are fast approaching! Year 4 will be undertaking their multiplication check in June so please ensure children are practising their times tables at home.

Spellings for the half term

Summer 1 Spellings

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
girls'	Creep	Spend	Toe	Die
boys'	Crept	Spent	Tow	Dye
babies'	Keep	Bend	Wrote	Night
parents'	Kept	Bent	Rote	Knight
teachers'	Sweep	Send	Soul	Side
therefore	Swept	Sent	Sole	Sighed
though	Sleep	Eight	Owe	Recent
thought	Slept	Enough	Oh	Regular
through	Various	Exercise	Extreme	Reign
contradict	Weight	Experiment	Famous	Remember
	Woman	Whine	Favourite	Handful
	Women		February	
	Whimper		Sceptical	