



Brackenhill Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

Year 5 – Beech and Aspen

Our theme this half term is: Go With The Flow

Dear Parents & Carers,

This half term, the children will be completing their previous unit of “Come Fly With Me” where we will be looking at the history of the USA, looking at some modern country music and line dancing, as well as investigating some common diet features associated with food in the United States and why too much sugar is not good for the body. After this, we will begin our brand new topic of “Go With The Flow” which looks at the science of the circulatory system and the important role that blood plays with our vital organs.

As the new Spring 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. By the end of Year 4 children should know all their times tables so we are taking the opportunity in Year 5 to revisit them all, starting with the 2’s, increasing week by week.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

English: Instructional writing: How to make a Blood Sample – You can help your child by looking at a variety of instructional writing (e.g. cook books, instruction manuals) and discussing the language used, such as imperative verbs and modal verbs. If you have any books about the human organs and the circulatory system - this will be an added bonus as your child will be learning about the properties of blood and will write instructions on how to make a blood sample.

Maths: Over this half term, we will be looking at column multiplication and division, as well as looking more at Fractions and how to multiply fractions. You can help your child by asking them to show you the methods we use in school for multiplication and division and then set them some questions at home. We will also do arithmetic sessions once a week so helping your child learn facts like number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 or near doubles (9+9, 8+8 etc.) would be really helpful!

Theme: We will be doing more work on our previous topic of America, before starting our next unit of “Go With The Flow”. This unit has a great focus on Science, as we learn about the properties of blood and the role it plays in the circulatory system. We will also look at the impact that diet, exercise and lifestyle has on our bodies; you could help your child by participating in a physical activity together.

Reminders

PE: This half term, Aspen is on a **Wednesday** and Beech is on a **Friday**

Please ensure water bottles are taken home daily, washed, and then returned the following day with fresh water (not cordial).

Your child will either be bringing home a reading book or should use their MyOn log-in to read online, 3x per week. Please can you try to listen to them read, 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

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
refer	diet	ceiling	rough	lamb
referral	tried	perceive	tough	limb
transfer	died	deceit	enough	climb
transferring	relief	deceive	nought	bomb
suffer	achieve	receive	brought	thumb
suffering	disappear	eight	exercise	experience
different	early	eighth	foreign	experiment
difficult	excellent	explanation	forty	frequently
especially	existence	familiar		government
exaggerate				

Week 6

scent	extreme
scene	famous
scissors	guarantee
ascend	harass
crescent	