



# Brackenhill Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

## Year 5 – Beech and Aspen

Theme this half term: The Rescuers – The Titanic

Dear Parents & Carers,

This half term, our topic is “The Rescuers” which is a thematic unit based on the historic voyage of RMS Titanic. Children will learn about the ship’s intended route, look at the stories of some the people who bought tickets, learn about the factors which contributed to the eventual sinking and discuss the controversy surrounding the order of disembarking.

As the Summer term begins, we would like to kindly remind you that children should be reading at home at least 3x per week. Each child has been given a log-in for the online reading platform “My On” – which has over 1000 books on it! They also have the option of borrowing a book from school if they prefer. Please also work with your child to learn their spellings which you will find listed below for this half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

English: Discussion text. Children will be discussing whether the Titanic II should launch later this year, look at arguments for and against, then write a discussion text analysing both viewpoints. You can help your child by asking them to give examples of the language features they have learned so far (see below).

Modal verbs e.g. **should, would, could, might, may, will.**

Parenthesis (using brackets, dashes or commas to add extra information to a sentence) e.g. **The youngest sister – Charlotte – was marching furiously towards the door.**

Relative clause (should include a relative pronoun of who / whose/ where / which / when / that) e.g. **It was buried at the bottom of the garden, where the fence met the old chestnut tree.**

Adverbs e.g. **Gracefully, until then, occasionally, rather than.**

Maths: We will finish our work with decimals, percentages and fractions, before moving on to perimeter (the length around a 2D shape) and area (the space inside a 2D shape). You can help your child by asking them to measure the perimeter of things in the house, such as the perimeter of the garden or the living room. You could also help them to find the area of square / rectangular objects by multiplying the length X width.

Theme: Our topic of “The Rescuers” looks at the famous fateful voyage of the Titanic and the legacy that it left behind. Whilst the 1997 movie is not rated age-appropriate for Year 5 (certified Age 12), there are many famous accounts of what happened on that night that you could share with the children. Discuss with them how the passengers may have felt, and how people will have had different experiences evacuating depending on the type of ticket they had.

### 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 My On 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
twelve	advise	advise	flower	poring
solve	devise	device	fowl	pouring
cave	practise	practice	allowed	morning
delve	license	licence	flour	mourning
valve	prophecy	prophecy	foul	library
imagine	important	island	aloud	material
increase	interest	knowledge	learn	marvellous
marvellous	individual	interrupt	length	
mischievous	interfere	language	leisure	
			lightning	

### Week 6

spacious	accident
gracious	accidentally
vicious	accommodate
malicious	accompany
officious	