



Bracken hill Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

Year 6 – Rowan and Sequoia

Theme this half term: Wars of the World....

Dear Parents & Carers,

This half term, we will be continuing our “War of the Worlds” unit learning about the root causes of war and have an understanding of its impact. They will focus mainly on the two World Wars but will also learn about civil wars and present day warfare. Pacifism and the importance of peace will also form part of this theme.

The children will also be sitting their SATS this half term so we will be completing lots of revision to help them prepare. They have brought home a set of practice papers to work through over the holidays so please can you ensure that they find the time to complete them as it will help them consolidate their learning. Children can also self mark the tests once they have completed them using the following websites:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/614663/STA177739e_2017_key_stage_2_mathematics_mark_schemes.pdf

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/614598/STA177732e_2017_key_stage_2_English_reading_mark_schemes.pdf

http://www.satspapers.org/SATs%20papers/2016%20onwards/2017%20SATs%20papers/English%20spag/STA177735e_2017_key_age_2_English_grammar__punctuation_and_spelling_mark_schemes.pdf

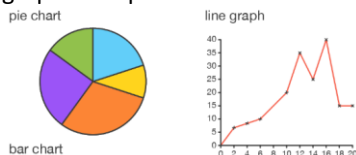
Please also work with your child on their spelling (see below) and practise all their times tables and related division facts.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

English: We will be looking at how to write detailed settings descriptions and how to choose and use effective vocabulary and sentence structures to develop our writing. Read story settings with your child or look at still from films they enjoy and discuss the settings.

Maths: We will be learning how to read information from line graphs and pie charts.



Please help your child consolidate key facts using the maths booklet that was sent home at parents evening in the autumn term.

Science: This half term, we will be exploring light, how it travels and how the eye works. To support your child, you can observe shadows and how they are created.

DT: We will be sewing poppies linked to our work on World War 2. You can help your child by showing them how to thread a needle.

Reminders

PE Days: Sequoia – Wednesday Rowan -Thursday

Times tables to practise at home: All times tables up to 12 x 12 plus 13, 14, 15, 17

Reading: Please can you ensure that your child is reading regularly at home. In the run up to SATs, it is vital that your child reads every day. They should be aiming to finish at least 1 book a week so they can take an accelerated reader quiz in school. Parents can check their child’s progress by logging on to the Home Connect link that was given out at parent’s evening. If you’re not sure about this please come and speak to us.

Closed for Eid - 20th and 21st April

School closed for Bank Holidays - 1st and 8th May

KS2 assessments: Year 6 will be undertaking their end of key stage assessments during the week beginning 8th May.

Spellings for the half term

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
spacious	address	Separate	SATS week	weighs	twelfth
multiracial	attached	Excellent		absolutely	variety
cemetery	average	Enormous		surgeon	vegetable
hesitant	building	Successful		suddenly	vehicle
frequent	centre	through		excited	yacht

Word of the Week:

Ask your child what their word of the week is. What does it mean?