



Bratton Primary School

Engagement - Resilience - Integrity

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Dear Parents and families,

Welcome back to Meerkat class; I hope you all had a lovely half term! We have a short but engaging term ahead of us, with many challenging and interesting learning opportunities to look forward to, including further SATs preparations for year 6.

In Maths, the children will be learning about interpreting statistics, ratio, proportion, geometry and algebra. We will begin the term learning about statistics, where the children will be interpreting, drawing and analysing a range of charts and graphs within problems. Ratio and proportion will cover a range of word problems, involving questions related to real life experiences, such as recipes, sharing objects and calculating children to adult ratios. When learning about geometry, the children will practise using a range of co-ordinates on 4 quadrants and be able to translate, rotate and reflect shapes on a specific axis. In algebra, the children will be looking at missing number problems, working out the value of a specific symbol or shape and generate/describe linear number sequences.

In English, the year 6 children will be focusing on grammar, handwriting, spelling and punctuation in order to give them a greater understanding of our language and to prepare them for SPAG SATs. Having undertaken a mock SATs week at the end of last term I know that the children are feeling less daunted by the prospect and I will continue to pose questions from past papers to create familiarity and thereby alleviate any gaps in their learning.

The year 5 children will also have a focus on grammar, handwriting, spelling and punctuation with the intention of improving the quality of their writing through developing their understanding of our language. The writing genres for everybody this term will include non-fiction recounts, fictional diary entries and poetry (including limericks on Red Nose Day).

In Reading, the children will be continuing to learn a range of skills using a variety of texts. The children have a passion for reading, which we will continue to encourage through the use of comprehension questions that develop their understanding; however, there will also be a greater focus on spelling this term. Thank you for your continued support at home and please ensure that your child is continuing to read regularly and completing their reading journal.

Our topic this term will be 'Our Place in the Universe'. This is an exciting topic combining Science and Geography and will develop our understanding of different parts of the world and its place in space. We will begin by looking into the formation of the Earth and the Moon, then focus on mapwork to be able to locate ourselves and then gradually zoom out from the Earth to appreciate our place in the Universe.

In Art and DT the children will be creating fantasy maps and three-dimensional maps to illustrate the effect of contour lines.

PE this term will continue to be taught by Miss Wozniak, on a Wednesday, and myself on Thursdays. In class sessions the children will be doing tag-tails games, which will consist of learning techniques for evading and pursuing, defending and attacking and working as a team player. Please ensure that all children have the appropriate PE kit i.e. correct sized clothing and correct items of clothing.

Big write will continue to take place every other Friday, which in turn means that talk homework will be given to the children to complete on that Thursday evening. The children's weekly homework will also be given out on a Thursday and expected to be returned by the following Tuesday. All children are expected to complete homework every week and to complete all tasks independently. Please note, this includes filling in their reading journal on a daily basis. Children are aware of the expectations and know that we do regularly review the reading journals, to ensure they are completing them independently and to a high standard.

I hope that you can see it is going to be an exciting and engaging term for your child, with many activities that are going to challenge them in their learning.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Mr Fintan Lynn and Mrs Trish Jeffery