



# 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 break! 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 and a new mini-topic for the Year 5s.

In Maths, year 6 will be revising all that they have learnt throughout their primary education in readiness for SATs. The year 5 pupils will be revisiting the four operations, before moving on to study metric & imperial conversions, calculating area & volume, time & timetables and ratio & scaling, with word-problems and challenging activities to cause thinking throughout.

In English, the year 6 children will be focusing on grammar, handwriting, spelling, punctuation and reading comprehension in order to give them a greater understanding of our language and to further prepare them for SATs. Having analysed the mock SATs from the end of last term I am delighted to say that the children are making great progress and I have shared this with them by talking them through the anonymous bar charts on display in Meerkat Class. Now it is key we keep that drive going up until the completion of SATs.

The year 5 children will also have a focus on myths and legends in their English lessons. Each week will be about a different myth or legend, with grammar lessons interweaved, resulting in a reimagining of a classic tale each week. We will start with an Arthurian legend, then review Theseus and the Minotaur, Romulus and Remus, Robin Hood and Pandora's Box. Each could be a topic in its own right, so there will be plenty of room for further exploration of each tale at home.

Our topic this term continues to 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 in the world and then gradually zoom out from the Earth to appreciate our place in the Universe. This term we will make the move into space.

In Music the whole class will be choosing songs to analyse and learn using our Charanga scheme of work. I am planning to start off with rock music. This will take place on Friday afternoons, so you may be able to hear us as you come to the playground at home-time!

PE this term will continue to be taught by Miss Wozniak, on a Wednesday teaching cricket, and myself on Fridays. In our class sessions the children will be doing bat & ball skills and games, which will consist of developing hand/eye coordination and working as team players. 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. There was no homework in the first week as it was such a short week. However, a new set of spellings will be handed out every Friday, to be learnt by the following Friday. 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 us.

Regards,

Mr Fintan Lynn and Mrs Trish Jeffery