

Widening Horizons, Raising Aspirations

04 November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Term 2. We are very much looking forward to the new term and the build up to Christmas! We will give any details of events later in the term.

Next week, we have Parent Consultations so make sure you have booked an appointment.

YEAR 3

Last term, we enjoyed reading "The Stone Age: Hunters, Gatherers and Woolly Mammoths," by Marcia Williams. We will finish reading the text this term, rounding off our knowledge of the Stone Age and our early ancestor's way of life. We will study Stonehenge, apply our understanding of prehistoric manmade art to simple sketches of our own and also, use everything we know to write non-chronological reports and suspense narratives. Later in the term, our **English** lessons will be centred around "Charlotte's Web," by E. B. White. In **Maths**, we will continue to practise addition and subtraction (particularly focussing on column addition and subtraction) and we will move on to multiplication and division (so please keep rehearsing those times tables on TTRS!) In **RE**, we will continue to investigate what it means to be a Christian in Britain today. Our **RSHE** topic this term is 'Celebrating Difference'. For **Geography**, we will focus on identifying key features of the world and the impact that humans have had on our world. Excitingly, we will begin to learn **Spanish** this term, too and for **DT**, we will be learning to sew using running stitch. For **PE** each Monday, most children will continue their swimming lessons while the others who remain in school will work on their netball skills. On Tuesdays, all children will take part football lessons.

YEAR 4

This term in **Year 4**, our English Power of Reading book is "The Iron Man," and we will be using the book as inspiration for writing poetry and newspaper reports. In **Maths**, we will be focussing on units of measure where. We will also be solving problems which involve measuring area and perimeter, before moving on to multiplication and division methods and their application to problem solving. Our **Science** topic is Sound and we will learn how sounds are made and how we hear them. Our focus for **PE** this term will be football and netball, on Mondays (outdoor) and Thursdays (outdoor). Please ensure the children have warm clothing for outside games as the temperature starts to drop now.

YEAR 5

Year 5's Geography this term is Poles Apart where we will be investigating and comparing the Arctic and Antarctic regions. In **Science**, we will be learning about forces such as gravity, air resistance and friction. We are excited to be using the amazing books "Shackleton's Journey," and "Ice Trap," for our **English** lessons, writing about the challenges faced by the crew of The Endurance on their epic

expedition to Antarctica in 1914. To support this term's learning, **Year 5** are very much looking forward to visiting Chatham Historic Dockyard on 14th November - please make sure you have checked Arbor for messages regarding this educational visit. In **Maths**, we are continuing to learn about multiplication and division before moving onto fractions with the children practising their problem-solving and calculation skills. **Spanish** lessons recommence this term and **RSHE** will focus on Celebrating Difference. Our **PE** lessons will be on Wednesday and Fridays, developing football and netball skills. This term's **Art** topic has a drawing and architecture theme whilst computing lessons will be about spreadsheets.

YEAR 6

This term **Year 6** will begin our geography topic on Brazil where we will study the physical/human features of the South American country and compare how England may be similar or different.

In **English**, we will read "Stormbreaker," to help us write narratives which create suspense and thrill. The children will learn the characteristics of this 'spy' type genre and will have an opportunity to write their own version of a spy story. In **Science**, we look at we will look at classification and micro-organisms.

Uniform/ equipment-

Children are expected to wear correct school uniform. Please do **not** allow children to bring jewellery, toys, or mobile phones to school. This causes a great distraction and can be very upsetting for a child if things get lost or broken. We would also ask girls to keep hair accessories minimal and to keep long hair tied back.

Please ensure that your child has a P.E. kit, consisting of black or white shorts, white T-shirt, or purple Briary T-shirt (not a polo shirt), a pair of plimsolls or trainers. As some games takes place outside, your child may like to wear a tracksuit, particularly when the weather gets colder, however **shorts are still required for indoor activities**. These can be worn underneath tracksuit bottoms or joggers for the remainder of the day. With regard to earrings, please ensure they are removed for P.E. days. If this is not possible, please supply tape to cover ears.

Please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school on their PE day.

P.E.-

Year 3 children will have P.E. on Monday and Tuesday.

Year 4 children will have P.E. on Monday and Thursday.

Year 5 children will have P.E. on Wednesday and Friday.

Year 6 children will have P.E. on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Reminders

Please always phone the office BEFORE 9.30AM if your child is going to be absent (e.g. they are too ill to come to school). This means that we know your child is safe. If you don't phone and we can't get hold of you and your child is not in school, we don't know they are safe.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that Briary Primary School is a **Nut Free School** due to the fact that several of our pupils have severe, life-threatening allergies to nuts including:- peanuts, peanut butter, Nutella and other chocolate spreads, pecans, walnuts, nut oils, nut flavourings

etc., body lotions, shampoos etc. containing any nuts. Touching, smelling or eating any of these items may provoke a severe allergic reaction.

Therefore, for the safety of these pupils we have asked all our parents not to send any food containing these items to school. We do understand this can be problematic, but do thank all our parents for their understanding and co-operation in this matter.

The children may also bring **fruit/ vegetables or cheese** to eat at snack time.

ALL dinner money must be paid in advance on Monday for any meals taken during the week via Arbor. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Please note the cost of school dinners is £2.40.

Yours sincerely

The Junior Team