



Kookaburra News

Spring Term 2012

Brundall School- Be extraordinary.

We are pleased with how well all the children have settled into the new school term. We hope you will find the following information helpful in supporting your child's learning at home.

Communication, Language and Literacy

We will be following the key objectives from the revised literacy framework for Year 1 and Year 2. We will continue with Letters and Sounds work at the appropriate levels for both Year 1 and Year 2. We will be using the "Katie Morag" stories in our lessons to focus our work on re-telling stories, writing character descriptions and letters.

All children will be learning how to choose, plan, compose and write sentences independently. Some children will also learn how to recognise and use alternative ways of spelling phonemes already taught and begin to know which words contain which spelling alternatives. Everyone will be enjoying a variety of stories, poetry and information books. They will be exploring different roles and experiences through our imaginative play.

How can you help at Home?

Please continue to share a wide variety of books at home and remember that you have the opportunity to choose a new book each day from the classroom.

We will be teaching everyone to form their letter correctly and then to join their handwriting and will be sending home handwriting practise sheets if you wish to continue this at home.

Problem-Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

We will be following the key objectives from the revised numeracy framework for Year 1 and Year 2.

All children will have the opportunity to extend their understanding of time, shape, solving problems and counting on and back in 1s, 10s, and 20s. Everyone will be learning to count in 2s, 5s, and 10s and extend their understanding of the value of numbers and money. Some children will extend their learning adding and subtracting 9, 11, 19 and 21, adding more than two numbers and doubles, halves and quarters of numbers and shapes.

How Can you Help at Home?

Play board games, eg Snakes and Ladders, Dominoes or let your child develop their own game and rules. Involve your child in everyday counting activities, especially handling money.

In addition, you may like to visit www.ictgames.com. This is a website which provides lots of opportunity to play games which support learning in school.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

We will be exploring electricity. We will also be looking at various materials and their uses. This will link to our topic.

Our R.E will focus on stories Jesus told and how we pray across Religions.

Creative Development

The children will be working with a range of media to create 2D and 3D projects. This will include modelling, collage, etc. Children will be encouraged to explore their voices and musical instruments and to move imaginatively in dance. They will also participate in English and Scottish country dancing.

Physical Development

The children will be learning how to link movements and then progress on to linking these to complete a small dance. In Games lessons the children will extend their ball skills and begin to work with a partner.

PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development)

This term we will be thinking about the importance of working together to create a happy classroom. The children will discuss a variety of emotions. They will also have the opportunity to discuss why we fall out with friends and how we can be friends again.

Diary Dates

- Parent interviews 5th 6th March
- Class Assembly May 11th

Games kit needed Friday. During the winter months we still go outside for Games lessons so children will need very warm tracksuits and trainers rather than plimsolls and a waterproof available in case of a shower.

PE kit needed Monday. Please could you ensure ALL clothing, including PE and Games kit is named. This makes it easier at the end of each day to return clothing to its owner.

Thank you for your Support.
Mrs Whitehead and Mrs Wilson