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Head of School News

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we have had! The sun has been shining, and the children have loved being outside. Year 1/2 have been on a trip this week, and I am very proud of how well they have behaved and represented the school. I have seen lots of examples of resilience from our children around the school this week, and I have loved looking at some of the amazing learning the children have done.

This week in the newsletter, we're focusing on Calculations, a key part of your child's maths development. Two important areas of focus are Place Value and Addition Bonds within 10—both of which lay the foundation for more advanced calculation methods.

What is Place Value?

Place value refers to the value of a digit based on its position in a number. For example, in 452, the 4 represents 400, the 5 represents 50, and the 2 represents 2. Understanding place value helps children perform operations like addition, subtraction, and multiplication with confidence. It's an essential skill that helps them build a strong understanding of how numbers work.

How You Can Help:

- Ask your child to break down numbers by place value (e.g., "What is the value of the 6 in 6,347?").
- Use a place value chart to help them visualize how numbers are structured.

Addition Bonds Within 10

Addition bonds within 10 are pairs of numbers that add up to 10 (e.g., 3 + 7, 4 + 6). Mastering these simple number pairs is crucial for building fluency in basic calculations, as they serve as the foundation for mental maths and more complex addition and subtraction problems.

How You Can Help:

- Practice number pairs that add up to 10 (e.g., "What makes 10?").
- Play games that encourage recognition of number pairs, like flashcards or "10 pairs bingo."

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Our Written Methods Guide

As children progress through school, they begin to move from informal methods of calculation to more formal written methods. We have created a guide to our written methods, initially for addition and subtraction, which are introduced in KS2. These methods focus on structured approaches to addition, subtraction, and later multiplication and division. They help children develop the skills to solve more complex problems and build their confidence in calculations.

We encourage you to look out for this guide, as it will help you support your child's learning at home. It provides clear explanations of the methods being taught and how they can be practiced together.

Why It Matters:

Mastering place value and addition bonds within 10, along with the written methods introduced in Years 3 and 4, allows children to approach more formal calculation methods with confidence. These concepts form the foundation for more advanced maths skills and ensure they are prepared for more complex operations like column addition, subtraction, and multiplication.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or would like more resources, please feel free to get in touch!

Warm regards,

Julie Cornish

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Important Notice: Increase in School Meal and Uniform Costs

We would like to inform you that, due to increased supplier costs, there will be a change in the price of school meals and uniform items.
From Tuesday 23rd April 2025, the cost of a school meal will increase to £2.75 per day.
Please note, if you do not currently pay for your child's school meals (for example, if they are entitled to free school meals), this change does not affect you.
The cost of school uniform items will also be rising, as our manufacturers have increased their prices.
The new Spring/Summer term menu can be found on the school website via the following link:

https://www.brundallprimary.com/lunch-menu/

Reminder: Outstanding Lunch Money Payments

As we approach the end of the financial year, we kindly ask that any outstanding lunch money payments are cleared by 31st March.

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Year 1/2 Strangers Hall Visit















Year 1/2 had a great day at Strangers' Hall, learning about The Great Fire of London. They thought about fire safety in 1666 and how the fire spread so quickly across our capital city. They finished their trip with lunch in the beautiful gardens at Strangers' Hall, enjoying the sunshine.

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Around school this week

Bright Class have had a fantastic time helping the Little Red Hen (aka Mrs. Elmar) make delicious bread rolls.
The children listened brilliantly to the instructions and absolutely loved the sensory experience of mixing, kneading and shaping the dough. What a wonderful way to bring learning to life — and everything smelt amazing too!





Blake Group enjoyed taking their learning outside in the sunshine
They had a great time with phonics activities, including a fun sound-matching game and some lovely reading in the fresh air!





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Online Safety

Vere Class has been diving into an important topic in PSHE: Online Safety! They've been learning how to stay safe, be responsible, and make smart choices when using the internet.



Parents' Evening – Reminder to Book

This is a reminder to book a slot with your child's teacher for the forthcoming Parents' Evening.
Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 1st April and Wednesday 2nd April.
Please use the link below to book your appointment:

https://outlook.office365.com/book/BrundallPrimaryParentMeetingsCopy1@brundall.norfolk.sch.uk/

If you have any difficulties accessing the booking system, please contact the school office.

Important Dates

DATE	EVENT
27.3.25	Time and Tide Trip Y3/4
1.4.25 2.4.25	PARENTS EVENING
3.4.25	YEAR 3/4 PRODUCTION TO PARENTS
4.4.25	END OF TERM
23.4.25	SUMMER TERM BEGINS
5.5.25	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
12.5.25	KEY STAGE 2 SATS
21.5.25	RECEPTION SPORTS DAY (AM) YEAR5/6 SPORTS DAY (PM)
22.5.25	YEAR 1/2 SPORTS DAY (AM) YEAR 3/4 SPORTS DAY (PM)
26.5.25	HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
19.6.25- 20.6.25	Y6 CAMPING TRIP
22.07.25	End of Term
03.09.25	Children return to school



Local First Inclusion

family hubs

Parent & Carer Café

Warm and welcoming atmosphere where you can share experiences and seek information & advice. The Café includes a Lego Club.

Information & Advice for:

- Supporting Positive Behaviour
- Special Educational Needs & Disabilities
- Family Relationships

Wroxham Library

25th March 2025

3.15 – 4.15pm

Speak to:

Education Psychology Team

EHCP Team

Family Hub



