Year 2 Spring 2 Overview

Dear Parents,

Our topic for this half term is 'Space Quest'. In this topic, the children will learn about the impact space travel has had on our lives today and significant astronauts. They will create their own space themed tiles out of clay. Please find this half term's homework below. A brief overview of each curricular area can be found overleaf, which we hope you will find helpful. If you would like to contact a member of staff to ask any question or pass on information, please email staff@broughtonprimary.co.uk and mark your email 'FAO *insert teacher's name here*'. Your emails will be forwarded to the relevant member of staff during working hours.

Thank you,
Mrs. Munnelly and Miss. Simpson

English Homework

Reading: The children in Year 2 will be continuing our brilliant new reading scheme. In this scheme, the books are carefully matched to the learning in each year group so that they fully complement what children are taught in class. The books have a range of relevant activities on the front and back covers to develop your children's comprehension skills. Children are still expected to read or complete one of the reading activities for at least twenty minutes each evening. Please continue to sign your child's Home School Diary every day to enable us to keep a clear record of which books the children have read and when they have completed activities. Books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and a Friday to allow children to read and enjoy the text as well as re-reading and completing the relevant activities. This scheme has been carefully devised to supplement the teaching in class and supporting the children in becoming well-rounded readers.

Phonics: Homework will be set on the Friday of each week to be handed in on the following Monday.

Topic Homework

Homework activities can be found below for this half term. It is compulsory to complete any two activities, and it is optional to complete the remaining four activities. It has been indicated which activities should be completed independently and which may require a little help from an adult. Finished homework can be brought into class at any time to share or via email to your class teacher.

Supported

- To research Cape Canaveral in Florida.
- To write a biography of an astronaut of your choice.
- To make a planet sculpture.
- To go on a Spring walk and take pictures of things that represent the season.

Independent

- To draw a poster showing the difference between fair and unfair.
- To write an Easter prayer and decorate.

Maths Homework

Every other Friday, children will receive maths homework on the online system www.maths.co.uk . All children will be given their own username and password which will be stuck into their 'Home Record' books. The set task should be completed for within those 2 weeks. If you have any problems accessing the system at home, please contact your child's class teacher.

Children are also expected to practise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

English

This half term, the children will be reading 'Man on the moon' by Simon Bartam and writing in a range of genres. This will include instructions, persuasive posters and recounts.

The children will also explore, interpret and respond to the picture book 'Bob and the Moon Tree Mystery' also by Simon Bartam. This will accumulate with the children writing their own space adventure.

History

In history, children will recognise and describe the impact of space travel and explain the significance of Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake. We will have a visit from the History man too.

PE

The children will be playing striking and fielding games. They will be using simple tactics to play games while developing their underarm throwing skills.

Maths

Y2 – This half term, the children will continue to develop their understanding of multiplication and division. We will focus on dividing numbers by 2, 5 and 10 and will solve word problems based around this. We will also explore odd and even numbers.

The children will then practise estimating and measuring lengths and height accurately using rulers and measuring tapes.

We will also explore other measures such as capacity, mass and temperature.

Music

In music, learning will be focused on the song 'Zootime' which also incorporate the interrelated dimension of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc) singing and playing instruments.

Science

In this unit, the children will identify and name a variety of plants in the school and church grounds. They will take photos of a variety of common plants and will label the different parts, including trees. They will plant a variety of seeds and will create a video explaining how to plant different seeds. They will create their own guides explaining how to look after plants so that they grow and stay healthy. Over the next term, they will continue to look after their plants and will measure and record their growth.

Geography

In geography this half term, children will learn about a small contrasting area in a non-European country through focussing on the main human and physical features. They will learn about the geographical similarities and differences between the area studied and where we live and continue to build on their map skills, including using online mapping programs.

Computing

In this unit, children will explore the term 'data'. Children will begin to understand what data means and how this can be collected in the form of a tally chart. They will learn the term 'attribute' and use this to help them organise data. They will then progress onto presenting data in the form of pictograms and finally block diagrams.

RE

Our topic this term is 'Easter – How do symbols help us to understand the significance of the Easter story'. The children will gain an understanding that symbols are pictures or objects with a deeper meaning and a story to tell. This unit will also extend pupils' understanding of the importance of Easter and the concept of salvation.