



Braunston C.E. Primary School

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Monday 4th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5 at Braunston School. We hope that your Summer has been enjoyable and we are looking forward to seeing the children in school on Wednesday.

I will be teaching the week, with Mrs Odell being our main classroom assistant. We will have Mrs Phipps teaching French.

Curriculum: During this half term there will be a history focus on Britain's settlements by the Anglo-Saxons and Scots, followed next half term by a geographical focus on developing the children's understanding of some key geographical features of North and South America. In science, initially we will be investigating forces, which will lead into enhancing the children's understanding of our solar system.

PE: P.E will be on **WEDNESDAYS and THURSDAYS** as highlighted in yellow on the timetable: children will continue to wear their PE kit to school on these days! Their kit should consist of a white t-shirt (PE or school), dark shorts or tracksuit bottoms, plimsolls or trainers and their **school sweatshirt / hoodie**.

Reading: Children should be reading on a daily basis at home on their own and regularly with an adult (this remains vital to their reading development). We will be expecting three logs in their records each week to show they have been reading at home. Parents and carers should encourage children to discuss reading materials: considering the meaning of words, actions of characters, the effect of settings and the layout of different texts. Reading aloud gives children the opportunity to practise intonation, using the punctuation for effect and showing their understanding of characters. The children will have a reading scheme book for this purpose, and will need to bring this to school, along with their reading record, each day.

Spellings: Children will explore spelling patterns, and exceptions to these, on a daily basis in class. To consolidate their skills, children will be expected to complete a weekly look, cover, write, check grid to prepare them for the weekly test in school on a WEDNESDAY. This grid will be in the book with the maths homework to be handed in on TUESDAY.

Maths Homework: Times table activities will be completed regularly therefore your child should be practising these to help improve their recall speed - this is beneficial to so many areas in maths. We will be sending out weekly maths homework on a Thursday to be completed and handed IN on a TUESDAY. This homework gives you and your child an opportunity to practise and share the strategies that they are learning within school and to keep a range of topics fresh in their minds.

Children will need to have a named water bottle in school throughout the week, that they need to bring in already filled EVERYDAY. This will be kept on their desk throughout the day for them to be able to keep hydrated. A healthy snack can be brought into school to be eaten at break time - please remember no nuts.

We will be holding a parent's information evening if you wish to attend on Wednesday 20th September, 5.15-5.45pm. More information with regard to this will follow. If in the meantime, you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, using the school email system or telephone, if you have any concerns.

Kind regards,
Mrs Fisher

