



# Braunston C.E. Primary School

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**‘Train up a child in the way he should go; even when s/he is old s/he will not depart from it.’  
Proverbs 22:6**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring Term has begun and we have been delighted to offer so many enriching experiences already. Young Voices was a big success and children and parents commented on how enjoyable the experience was. Year 4 came third in a competitive athletics competition and were very proud of their individual achievements and how they performed as a team. We have welcomed a range of visitors to lead Collective Worship including Rev Kathryn and the church team and our friends from Leicester’s Hindu Faith team.

Class teachers in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 have led Pupil Progress meetings this week and Class Teachers in Year 5 and Year 6 will contact parents next week. All parents will be contacted as it is so important for your child’s learning journey and essential that we work together.

Mrs Jane Morgan has taken up the post of Chair of Governors and has been an existing member of the Academy Governance Committee. Mrs Morgan has worked in education for many years and has a particular expertise in Special Educational Needs. Mrs Chris Spriggs resigned from the role of Chair after many years of supporting the school community, particularly during the pandemic. We would like to thank Chris for her tireless support of the school and welcome Jane to her new role.

We are aware that some children are coming to school without eating breakfast. Please could you let us know if you are struggling with this as we can provide breakfast for any family in need.

## **Reception Class – Inkpen**

Welcome back to school! We hope you all had a fabulous Christmas and wish you a happy new year. This term we will be learning all about the Chinese new year and look forward to flying to China on 31<sup>st</sup> January – make sure you have your passports and boarding passes ready!

We have been reading the ‘Zodiac Rankings Race’ and learning what ordinal numbers are in Maths. We then held our own races in the KS1 playground and used ordinal numbers to describe the positions everyone came in. Also, in maths, we have continued to learn the names of 2D and 3D shapes and practise combining 2D shapes together to make new shapes.

We are currently constructing a really long, colourful dragon, using dark and light shades of a chosen colour. We are learning to recognise that the shade of a colour becomes lighter when more white is added.

In phonics, we are reviewing all of set one sounds and starting to learn our set two sounds. We are trying very hard to now read words using ‘Fred in our Head’ as this will help us to read with a quicker pace and more fluency.



1 fewer than 5 is 4, 1 fewer than 4 is 3... 1 fewer than 1 is 0

Mimi

It goes lighter. It's now light blue.

Freyja

I'm in first place, Stanley is fourth.

Ellis



### Class 1 - Donaldson

Happy New Year! We are pleased to see all of Year 1 back in school; ready and willing to learn.

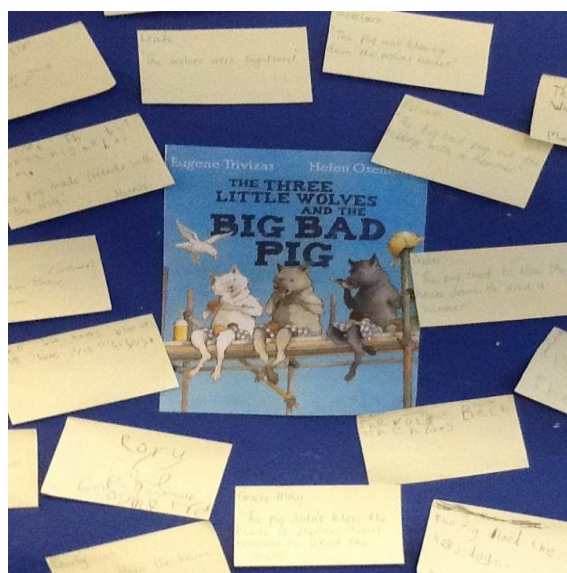
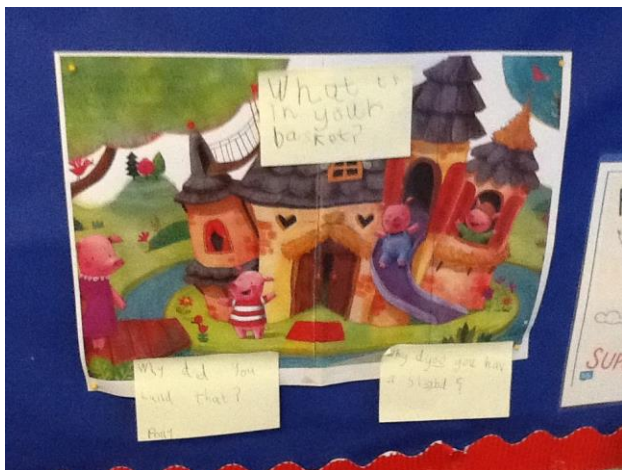
In English lessons, we have explored the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. We learnt what a question is and how to write it as a sentence using a question mark. We then thought of questions we could ask about this fairy tale.

After this, we looked at a similar story called 'The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig' by Eugene Trivizas. We thought this story was very funny! We found similarities between the two stories and told each other what we liked and did not like about this alternate story. We retold the story by acting it out. We used hot seating, which is questioning a character about his or her background, behaviour and motivation to develop our questioning and listening skills in an engaging way. We took turns to be the characters. We will now use this story to inspire our own writing.

I liked it when the pig and wolves became friends. - Emily

I liked it when they built the brick house. It was strong. - Jackson

I liked the pig dancing. - Rory



## Class 2 – Ahlberg

Year 2 have had a superb return to school and we have got straight on with learning our times tables (x2, x5, x10) whilst also remembering all the tricky addition and subtraction strategies we learned last term!

Our new book in English is 'Traction Man' and we are starting to write superhero stories based on ideas we have read in this brilliant book.

In history we are learning about Victorian scientists - namely Florence Nightingale and Mary Anning. This week we have found out all about how Florence Nightingale changed nursing forever - as well as finding out how awful hospitals in the past were.

Finally, we have started a new PE topic - all about balance and in our photos you can see Ahlberg class enjoying their lesson!

Well done class 2!

Alfie: I love reading Traction Man because it's like being in the army and it reminds me of my uncle.

Blake O: I really like the adventure stories in Traction Man because they give me ideas for my own stories.

Lincoln: I love maths because I like it when I get stuck and then I have to work out the answer.





### Class 3 - Jamila

Year 3 have had a busy return after the Christmas break and are very excited to start our topic on Volcanoes.

We have begun by reading the book 'Escape from Pompeii' in English, which has helped us to understand what happened at Mount Vesuvius. We have got to know the characters in the book and thought about some questions we would like to ask them.

In science, we started our topic on rocks and tested different rocks for density, durability and to see if they were porous. We also found out about the 3 different categories of rocks. We cannot wait to find out more about fossils and volcanoes.

I have enjoyed finding out that some volcanoes look like normal mountains but they are actually volcanoes. Alfie

I have enjoyed seeing all my friends again after the holidays. Freya



I have enjoyed learning about Pompeii and the volcano. Aston



#### **Class 4 – Morpurgo**

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break – it certainly feels like a long time ago! It is clear that many children have returned from the holiday having made some New Year's Resolutions and many are still being kept. In maths, we have been continuing with multiplication and division; we are just embarking on learning formal methods to carry these out. To reinforce our times table facts, we have enjoyed partaking in active songs and dances. In English, we have been looking at how to write diaries using first person, contracted words with apostrophes, subordinate conjunctions and varied sentence types, such as questions and exclamations. This has been linked with our history topic about The Romans through which we have found out about slaves and gladiators. During History, we become archaeologists to help build the picture as to how we know The Romans built temples in England due to their religious beliefs of believing in more than one god. We also transformed ourselves into particles during science to show the difference between solids, liquids and gases. We are looking forward to our trip to the Mandir linked to our work on Hinduism and some of us are going to indoor athletics too.

I was a gas and floated around the room filling the space.  
Josh S

I think my writing is getting better by using different sentence types and I have been trying really hard to keep it neat.  
Faith

I wouldn't want to be a Roman slave; I'd want to buy one and be the rich family.  
Francisco.

### Class 5 – Rowling

Year 5 have started the term with lots of exciting learning opportunities ahead. We are enjoying learning about the Amazon Rainforest and incorporating this into our English and our reading detective text, 'The Vanishing Rainforest'. In DT we will be looking at a project on pop up books based on the Amazon Rainforest. If you have any pop up books at home, it would be great to look at them in school. We are also looking forward to a maths enrichment day organised by PDET. This will be held at The Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough, so we will get a look at where we will be heading on our residential later in the year. In maths, this week, we are focusing on multiplication by multiplying 2 digits by 2 digits. We will be moving onto division soon. We have realised that we need to keep practising our times tables to help us with these. In RE, we have started to look at the beliefs of Jewish people. We are looking forward to having a visitor who will give us a lot more information and we will share any photos with you.



Practising our maths skills



Visitors in our assembly about Hinduism

Doing the maths games on the computer makes it more fun!  
Clayton

I like using the computer as it is fun and helps me learn.  
Freddie

### Class 6 – Horowitz

Horowitz class have had a busy start to the new term showing themselves to be enthusiastic and hardworking. We have immersed ourselves into our new topic of 'The Vikings.'





In English we have started to study Viking myths. The children have been identifying and creating descriptive language to create character and atmosphere. They have been focussing on the characters of Loki, Odin and Brokk and Eitri and thinking about how a character's appearance reflects their personality. They also took part in drama session where they journeyed through Asgard encountering problems and confrontations on the way. In DT, we have made the bread that the children designed before Christmas; it was a jam packed day with a lot of imaginative designs and ingredients. They then got to eat and evaluate their work – some were yummiier than others! Their evaluations were extremely reflective and they gave advice to next year's Horowitz class on how they would improve on their designs.

I enjoyed slapping the dough on the table. It made a funny noise.  
Charlie

I like kneading the bread. It felt a bit like slime.  
Aimee

I enjoyed slapping the bread. I made a pig because it's my favourite animal.  
George



Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Most Active Class	
	16.12.22	6.1.23	16.12.22	6.1.23		6.1.23
R		Emily		Ella		
1	William	Jackson	Luke	Van		
2	Isaac	Darcie	Madalina	Isaac		36
3	Archie	George	Sofia	Archie		45
4	Amelia	Sam	Isaac	Annaliese		121
5	Cruz	Alicia	Freddie	Fearne		71
6	Louis	Charlotte	Iszy	Frankie		52
Best Attendance 5 & 6 Abis the Ape visits the class with the Best Attendance (Abis stands for always being in school)						

Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Most Active Class	
	13.1.23		13.1.23		13.1.23	
R	Freyja-Rose		Willow			
1	Mary		Grace		249	
2	Bertie		May		55	
3	Mya-Poppy		Max		164	
4	Hope		Joshua		194	
5	Pippa		Noah		209	
6	Chloe		Harrison		115	
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