



# Braunston C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As daylight hours have been shorter, we seem to have packed in even more to our school day. Already this term we have started our clubs, had an amazing 'Break the Rules day, played football and rugby matches, attended an athletic competition, Year 5 have started Forest School and all children took part in a magnificent Remembrance Service. Thank you to everyone who supported the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal and a big thank you to all the children who wore their Rainbow, Brownies, Beavers and Cubs uniform. Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant O'Brien was so impressed with our respectful behaviour and we were very thankful to him for leading our service.

Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. Our Anti-Bullying Committee would like everyone to wear odd socks to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to show how they support Anti-Bullying and do not tolerate any unkindness towards others. We will be taking part in activities to re-inforce the impact one kind word can make.

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, Children in Need is also happening. Part of their fundraising is used towards supporting projects that help people to break the cycle of bullying and to build self-confidence. We would like to celebrate this by wearing one spotty or yellow item to school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to, we would ask that you make a donation towards Children in Need so that they may continue their work.

## Reception Class – Inkpen

We hope you have had a wonderful half term and are raring to go for another exciting term in Reception! We have kicked started our learning by designing ways to help one of our characters from our literacy text 'Penguins Can't Fly!' be able to fly. We selected materials to use when building our models, carefully thinking about the choices we made and why they would be suitable for our models. In maths, we have been exploring how numbers can be composed and have been learning how to subitise (looking at a group of objects and realise how many there are without counting them). We went on a number hunt around school and even made our own arrangements of objects. We have been using some very complex balancing skills in our PE lessons and explored different ways of moving based on jungle animals!

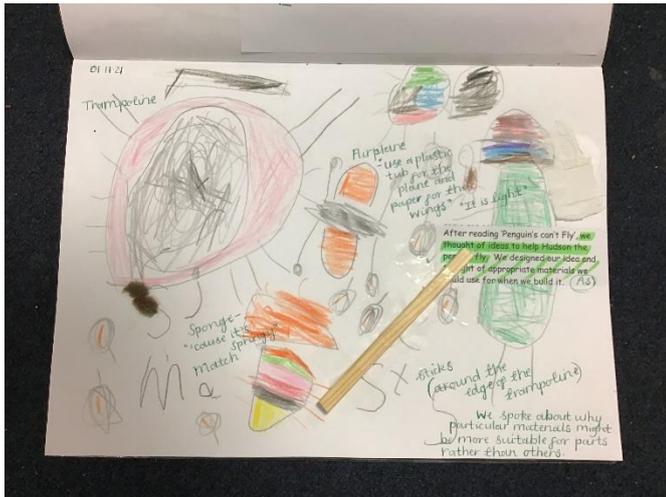
'p-o-t' is pot, 'j-a-m = jam, b-a-t  
= bat!"

Emily.

I see some steps going down.  
**Bertie describing an arrangement  
of three diagonal dots.**



The rabbit was cross because he was trying to hibernate and the mice were being noisy and woke him up!  
**Mary explaining her understanding of 'The Cross Rabbit' (class story).**



We have been drawing our own Rangoli patterns as part of Diwali celebrations.

### **Class Donaldson -Class 1**

We have had a fantastic start to the term. In our art topic we mixed paint and made some very interesting colours. We discovered red, blue and yellow cannot be made, as these are primary colours. We then looked at artwork by Jackson Pollock and discussed what we thought. Thank you for the old shirts. These were needed as Jackson Pollock had a very interesting way of painting. We broke the rule of only using a paintbrush to paint... it was 'Break the Rules Day'. Luckily, we did not get any on the walls or ceiling. We produced a beautiful piece of art that reminded us of fireworks.

We have also started our geography topic where we travel around the United Kingdom. Our first stop is afternoon tea with the Queen. Then on to climb the highest mountain in the UK. Can you guess where we are going?

It looks blobby. Freya

It reminds me of fireworks.  
 Sophia

Jackson Pollock painted by splatting. Olivia

I like the colours. May

It looks scribbly. Leo

Some of the paint is runnier.  
 Darcie



### Class Ahlberg Class 2

In year 2 we have got off to a flying start learning about Australia and comparing it to the U.K.

In geography we have been learning about human and physical features - ask the children to tell you what they are!  
In art we have been studying Aboriginal art and experimenting with symbols and painting techniques to create our own pictures.

In maths we have been adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers and honing our skills so we are as efficient as possible.

In English we have been reading Possum Magic by Mem Fox and we are well on the way to writing our own versions to include the new skills we are learning - contractions such as 'it is' becoming it's or 'do not' becoming 'don't' and capital letters for names and places.

A superb start to term 2 - and I haven't even mentioned how much the children's reading has improved! Well done to all.



I have learned all about Australia. I know it is really hot in Australia and when it is our day time it is night time there. Primrose



I really like making Aboriginal pictures and making stories from the symbols. Amelie



It was good to see a real soldier in our assembly. The trumpet was really good too. Mikey

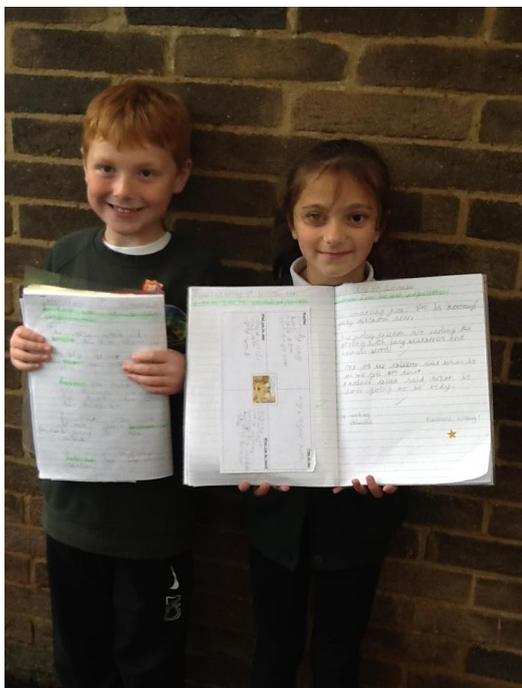
### Class Jamila -Class 3

What an exciting week we have had in Year 3. We have had a Ukulele session and a basketball lesson which was led by Mr Pearl. We have also been focusing on our presentation in all of our books and we have been doing some super joining in our writing. We are hoping that our writing will impress our adults enough in every book that we might even earn our pen licence!

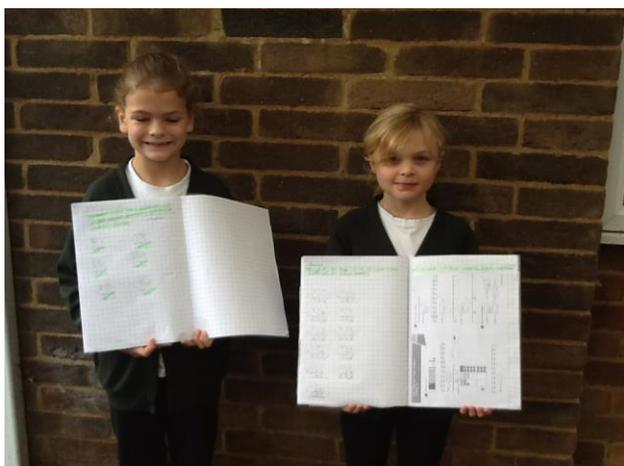
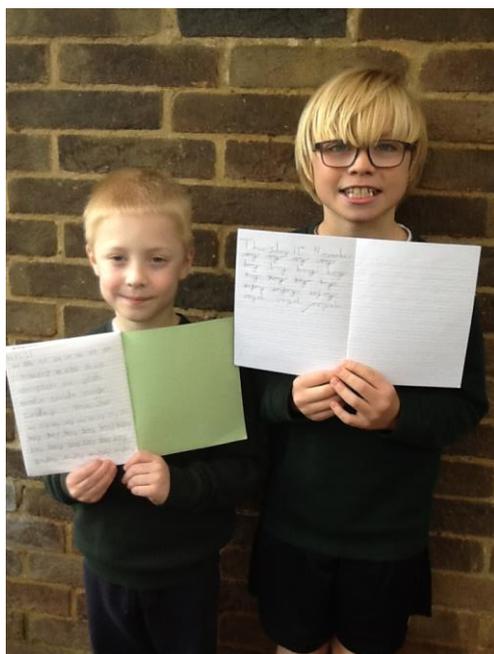
In science we have started our new topic on forces and magnets and we will be carrying out some investigations. During our DT topic, we will continue to investigate shelters and we look forward to building one. Can we keep our stone age creature warm and dry? We will let you know!

I am enjoying the challenging maths. We are + and – 3 digit numbers.  
James

I like playing cricket outside in PE. We worked in partners batting the ball.  
Sonny



I have really enjoyed learning all the songs for the Remembrance Assembly.  
Joshua B.



#### **Class Morpurgo – Class 4**

For our science topic in Morpurgo class this term we are looking at teeth and digestion. We began by looking at our own teeth and noticed that they are not all the same. Some are sharp and good for biting and others we use for chewing.

This week we began an investigation to see what affect different drinks might have on our teeth. Of course, we couldn't use real teeth, so we used eggshells instead. We placed the eggshells into four different liquids. We used water, cola, orange juice and milk.

Each day we will be observing what happens and recording carefully any changes to the shells. We wonder how this might affect the way we look after our teeth.



We trying to see if the eggs will change colour. Some look cool and the water one makes the egg look bigger. The colour looks like a sun set but darker.  
Kayleigh

We are seeing what will happen if we put an eggshell in different drinks like cola, milk, water and orange juice. The eggshell reacts in different ways depending on the drink and its bubbles.  
Fearne



I put the eggshells into milk, water, orange juice and cola. When I put it in the milk it was very dark. When I put it in the juice I couldn't see it. When I put in the cola it started to crack. When I out it in the water it looked bigger.  
Enzo



## Class Rowling - Class 5

Class Rowling have had a few busy weeks before and after half term. Just before half term, members of our class represented Braunston Primary in a Rugby tournament. All the players represented the school well and showed some amazing Rugby skills. In English, we have been analysing explanation texts, identifying the features and grammatical aspects; we have then moved on to writing our own, based upon ideas from our class text, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. To develop our writing we have been learning ways to include extra detail through relative and subordinate clauses; to understand this we cut up sentences and rearranged them. During science, we have carried out a number of investigations linked to our forces project. Whilst the COP26 was taking place, we had our own online webinar with a group of scientists and have all thought of ways we could help with reducing climate change. We have also embarked upon both of our Art and Design Technology projects: Art was introduced through sketching of hands using proportion, detail and tone; In DT, we have drawn 3D designs of our model Saxon houses that we hope to create in the next couple of weeks. We are also eagerly looking forward to starting Forest School.

The Rugby tournament was fun. I just wish we had won more matches. Never mind though – we tried our best.  
Henry

I think the hand I drew was the best thing I have ever drawn!  
Louis

My writing is really improving with all the new things I have learnt.  
Georgia B





### **Class Horowitz -Class 6**

Horowitz class have come back to school after the half term break with great enthusiasm and have settled well to their learning.

Our scientific question this week was - How does light travel? We started to learn new vocabulary such as refraction and we wrote scientific descriptions for words such as shadow and reflection. The children made predictions about how they thought light travels based on their knowledge and carried out an experiment to prove or disprove their hypotheses.

Also this week, we have begun a new topic in music based on jazz, blues and Latin influences. The piece that we have appraised was written in the style of Burt Bacharach and we are learning to sing the tune so that we can internalise it and then play the piece on the glockenspiels.

During PE lessons, we have been focusing on the area of gymnastics. Look at some of our amazing balances.

Light can be produced from many different sources such as torches, candles, the sun and lamps.

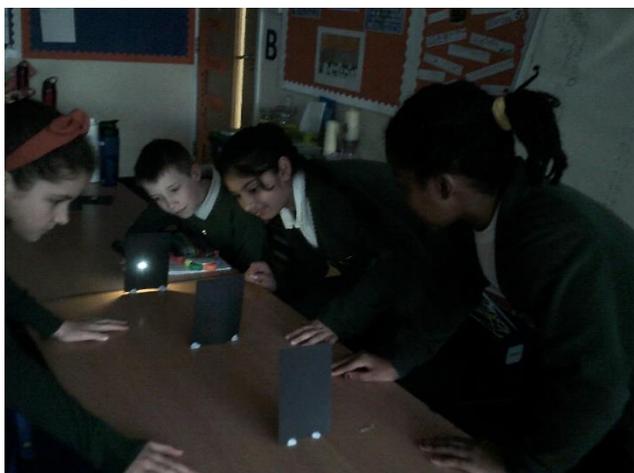
Annabel

We did a fun experiment where we lined up 3 pieces of card that had a hole in. Light travels in a straight line so when the holes were level the light travelled through.

Brooke

We trusted each other then got into the balance and held it for 5 seconds.

Calen and Charlie.



## Sports

A number of children in KS1 attended the Sportshall Athletics Festival. They showed their Braunston School values at all times. We are very proud of them. They earned lots of stickers and had a fantastic time.

### Speed jump

I liked jumping because it got me really hot. It was hard to jump on two feet over the gap in the middle. George S



### Standing Long Jump

I liked going really far! Blake O

I liked getting better at my jumping! Lucas



### Chest Push

I threw the ball so far it went out the door! May



Braunston's girls' football team represented the school on Thursday 11th November. For many of our players it was the first time they had played as part of a team in a competitive situation and they did really well against tough opposition. Barby had a strong team and played with a competitive and encouraging attitude. All of our girls did themselves and the school proud with some excellent goal keeping and strong defence. Imogen put through a well deserved goal at the start of the second half but we were defeated by a skilful Barby team who scored a number of great goals. Well done girls - you showed all of our school values whilst wearing those shirts with pride.



Ryan has been awarded our Lunchtime trophy for always showing our school values and demonstrating excellent behaviour.

Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Playground Behaviour & Top Table Awards
	5.11.21	12.11.21	5.11.21	12.11.21	
R	Polly	William	Finlay	Bertie	Jackson, Bertie
1	Avery	Harvey-Jack	Georgina	Lucas	Avery, Sophia, Bertie
2	Mikey	Jack	Olivia	Mya-Poppy	Florence
3	Jenson	Joshua	Isaac	Ellie-May	Hope
4	Henry	Carlne	Ryan	Alicia	Ryan , Fearnie
5	Georgia	Georgina	Harry	Louis	Charlie, George, Harry,
6	Imogen	Josie	Olly	Charlie	Georgia Leila, Charlie

Best Attendance 2 & 6 Abis the Ape visits the class with the Best Attendance (Abis stands for always being in school)

Looking forward to another very busy few weeks ahead!

With best wishes

Lianna Willis

Headteacher

### Anti Bullying Week

