



# Burrowmoor News

Week ending 06.01.23

*Opening up the world for our children and families.*



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to all of our children and families. We hope you have all had a wonderful break and have had a positive start to the New Year. The children have settled back into school life well and have impressed us all with their great behaviour and excellent attitudes to their learning.

There are lots of exciting opportunities planned in for this term including library visits, class assemblies and trips and visits to support classroom learning. The new curriculum for this term is shared below in the curriculum updates. Following this newsletter you will also receive the new homework menus for this half term. We had some fantastic pieces of work in from the autumn term homework menus so are looking forward to seeing some of the work produced this term.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss. Candish

Head of School

## Curriculum Updates

### Reception: Mrs. Brand

This term in English, we will be reading fiction books on fairy tales particularly about fire, dragons and mythical creatures. We will be sharing lots of 'Once upon a time...' stories looking at different characters and settings.

In our personal, social and emotional development, we will be thinking about diversity in the world and what that means for us living in March and the surrounding area. We will be considering how we are all unique and different in so many ways, but also how we have similarities such as feelings and emotions.

In mathematics, we will be learning about number including comparing numbers 0 to 8, looking at the composition of numbers, combining numbers, making pairs and using a tens frame. We will also be learning about numerical patterns. In our work on measure, we will be learning about size, mass and length, height and time.

There are lots of other exciting things we will be involved in this half term as well, such as Chinese New Year, Australia Day, National Story Telling Week and Safer Internet Day.

Please can we remind parents that book bags need to come in to school every day. We will be visiting the school library once a week to choose our reading book for pleasure. We change this book weekly so please remember to bring it in on a Monday. Our reading books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday so long as the book has been read three times. News of the reading challenge for this half term will be revealed next week!

### **Year One: Miss. Lorraine and Mr. Davey**

It has been so lovely to welcome all of the children back after their Christmas break. We really hope you had a lovely time. There are many exciting new topics and lessons that the children will be learning over the course of the spring term. In English, we are currently reading Iggy Peck, Architect and Paddington's Post. Towards the end of the term, the children will use all the skills they have learnt during their English lessons to make an information leaflet and diary entry.

In maths, we are learning about place value and measures. Our question in science this term is 'Does it only snow in winter?'. Our geography question is 'What is it like to live in March?'. In religious education, we are learning about Christianity with the question, 'What do Christian stories tell us?'. In art, we will be making clay pots. Our big question for art is 'Why is clay a good material for making pots?'

### **Year Two: Miss. Malkin and Mrs. Robinson**

This half term, Year Two are starting lots of new, exciting topics! In English, we are going to be looking at the book 'Traction Man is Here'. We will be writing a persuasive piece to explain how Traction Man is the best super hero! Our first maths unit will focus on money; we started recognising and using coins last term and will now be moving on to making different amounts and giving change.

In science, we are beginning to look at animals including humans; we are going to be learning about life cycles and the needs of living things. Our history unit this half term is all about explorers; we will be researching Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong and finding out all about their amazing achievements. Our P.E. days are changing this half term. We will now be have indoor P.E. on a Tuesday; this will be gymnastics with outdoor PE still on a Thursday, which will be hockey.

### **Year Three: Mr. Offredi and Miss. Searle**

Our focus this half term in Year Three will be based on our geography question 'Which is more dangerous: volcanoes or earthquakes?'. We will begin by learning what volcanoes and earthquakes are and how they occur.

Our other subjects will link closely to this topic. For example, we are reading Earth Shattering Events in English to support our understanding of volcanoes and earthquakes. Our art this half term is very exciting as we will be looking at the artist J.W. Turner and experimenting with acrylic paint to eventually paint our very own volcano.

During maths, we will be looking at fractions, decimals and measures, including length and mass. In science, we will be looking to answer the question 'Is magnetism a magical force?' In computing, we will be learning all about algorithms and using the programme Scratch to make our very own stories. In our RE lessons, we will continue our learning all about Christianity, looking at why Christians pray and worship. Our indoor and outdoor P.E. lessons will **now** be on a Wednesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor).

### **Year Four: Mrs. Wilkinson, Mr. Oliver and Mrs. Barnes**

In Year Four this half term, our history lessons are focussed on investigating the life style of the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons, answering the question 'Would you rather be an Anglo-Saxon or a Viking?' We will be learning about the key events in this time period beginning with the changes to population moving from Roman occupancy to the migration of Angles, Saxons and Jutes.

In art, we will be looking at Celtic designs and using these to inspire our own patterns which we will then print using mono and impressed printing techniques. In maths, we begin the term by continuing learning about fractions and decimals. In P.E. this term, we will be learning the Haka in indoor P.E.

and football for outdoor P.E. In science, we will be learning about states of matter (solids, liquids and gases).

### **Year Five: Miss. Watson and Mrs. Duddy**

During the spring term, Year Five are being inspired by the story Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and the topic of Ancient Maya. We will be learning about the Mayans and investigating who they were and how they lived. We will be writing in the style of Roald Dahl and creating a new character to enter Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory and a news report about the event. In reading, we will be using a variety of books including Journey to Jo'burg, Beetle Boy and The Man Who Walked between the Towers to develop our comprehension skills. In maths, we are currently looking at using the written methods for long multiplication, division and then following that, we will be developing our understanding of fractions.

In science, we will be learning all about life cycles of different animals and plants and answering the question: 'Do all plants and animals reproduce in the same way?'. In DT, we will be creating our own Ancient Mayan feast and investigating which cooking techniques we would need to use to make an Ancient Mayan feast. P.E. is now on Monday and Thursday afternoon. Monday is outside P.E. and Thursday will be indoor P.E.

### **Year Six: Mrs. Rainbow, Miss. Angier and Mr. Rhodes**

In English this half term, we will be studying the text Oliver Twist and then writing our own balanced argument and interview. In reading, we will be starting our new book 'The Boy in the Tower' which we are really excited about. In Maths, we will begin the term completing further work on the four operations and then moving onto area, perimeter, money and time.

Our humanities focus continues to be history and now we will be focusing on the Victorians and exploring how Victorians changed Britain. Our art this half term will be linked to our history topic and we will be exploring how artists use depth within their work.

In science, we will learning about evolution and asking the question 'Is evolution true?'. We will be looking at inheritance, plant adaptations and the theories of Charles Darwin.

We will continue to have outdoor P.E. on a Monday and indoor P.E. will be on a Friday.

# Diary Dates

New dates will be added weekly so please do read this section each week.

## Spring Term Dates

### January

- 12th January - Year 6 Library Visit
- 19th January - Year 5 Library Visit
- 9th January – Early Help Meeting 1 pm– 3pm
- 26th January - 2M Class Assembly 2.40pm
- 26th January - Year 4 Library Visit

### February

- 2nd February - Year 3 Library Visit
- 2<sup>nd</sup> February - 4O Class Assembly 2.40pm
- 9th February - Year 2 Library Visit
- 13th to 17th February - Half Term
- 2nd February - 5D Class Assembly 2.40pm
- 6th February - Early Help Meeting 1pm – 3pm
- 20th February - Friday 31 March 2023 - Term starts
- 23rd February - Year 1 Library Visit

### March

- 2nd March - 6AR Class Assembly 2.40pm
- 2nd March – Reception Library Visit
- 6<sup>th</sup> March - Early Help Meeting 1pm – 3pm
- 9th March - 1D Class Assembly 2.40pm
- 16th March - 5W Class Assembly 2.40pm

## Summer Term Dates

### April

- 17th April - Thursday 25th May 2023 - Term starts
- 18<sup>th</sup> April - Early Help Meeting 1pm – 3pm

### May

- 11th May - 3O Class Assembly 2.40pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> May - Early Help Meeting 1pm – 3pm
- 18th May - 1L Class Assembly 2.40pm
- 25th May - 3S Class Assembly 2.40pm
- 26th Friday May - Staff Training Day
- 29th May to 2nd June - Half Term

### June

- 5th June – 19th July 2023 - Term starts
- 14<sup>th</sup> June - Early Help Meeting 1pm – 3pm
- 15th June - RB Class Assembly 2.40pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> June – Sky Arts Day
- 22nd June - N1 and N2 Class Assembly 2.40pm

### July

- 7th July - Staff Training Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> July - Early Help Meeting 1pm – 3pm