

Curriculum Newsletter

Bramham Shadwell Federation Class 5 September – October 2020



All our learning in class this half term will be focused around the question:				
What makes a good global citizen?				
English	Maths			
 The focus will be on Grammar, punctuation and spelling activities linked to a range of books including 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. Children will explore sentence structure and how to choose the most appropriate language to enhance their writing including the use of fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases. The children will have the opportunity to write short descriptive pieces about characters and settings which will then be followed by a longer narrative piece at the end of the unit. Editing and improving their own work as they respond to their targets will be a continued focus. The outcome will be: to write a character description, setting description and a full narrative based around books studied in lessons. How can I help / information for helping Discuss vocabulary with your child from their reading book. Allow your child to improve simple sentences e.g. 'the cat walked across the room.' by adding a fronted adverbial and an expanded noun phrase. What is a fronted adverbial? An adverbial is a word or phrase that has been used like an adverb to add detail or further information to a verb. Adverbials are used to explain how, where or when something happened. Fronted adverbials are placed at the start of the sentence, before the verb and are followed by a comma. Eg. Before the sun came up, he ate his breakfast. What is an expanded noun phrase? An expanded noun phrase is a phrase that gives more detail about a noun. An 	 The focus will be learning about counting, place value and partitioning. There will be an emphasis on number facts and improving our mental and written calculations for addition and subtraction. We expect all the children to know multiplication and division facts up to the 12 times table for use in calculations. Each week there will be a times table test; children will then be given a target to improve the speed at which they do the times table or to learn the next one. They will continue to solve problems and learn to explain, convince others and justify their findings using specific vocabulary: <i>I am certain that, I think because, I know that so must be</i> Additionally, the KIRF target is outlined below; please help your child to achieve this target. How can I help / information for helping Please help your child to learn their times tables as this increases mathematical confidence and accuracy. KIRF Target - Autumn Term 1 Know decimal number bonds to 1 and 10 Know decimal number bonds to 10 e.g. 1.25 + 8.75 = 10 If your child knows one fact (e.g. 4.8 + 5.2 = 10), they should be able to tell you the other three facts in the same fact family (e.g. 5.2 + 4.8 = 10, 10 - 4.8 = 5.2 and 10 - 5.2 = 4.8) 			
expanded noun phrase should follow the pattern: determiner , adjective , noun . If more than one adjective is used, children should add a comma to separate them. Eg. the beautiful lake				

Topic – (Geography)	SITE	P.E
 Focus: Our geography topic involves looking at the different continents and their locations around the world; from this we will develop our atlas skills to locate major cities, rivers and mountains on all seven continents. Image: Skills / Knowledge to be developed: Locational knowledge of countries and continents. Importance of longitude and latitude lines and what these are used for. Applied through: Topic lessons English lessons Guided reading lessons 	 Focus: 'Space' with a focus on The Sun, Earth and Moon. Skills / knowledge to be developed: Developing scientific knowledge of our solar system looking at orbits, seasonal changes and how ancient astronomers had different interpretations of our planet. Different interpretations of our planet. Different buggy that will incorporate the children's knowledge of conditions on different planets and what a vehicle would need in order to survive. Computing links: To use search engines appropriately to research conditions on different planets to support their DT project. 	Focus: Athletics & Orienteering Skills / knowledge to be developed: Technical running, jumping & throwing skills. Applied through: Children will be developing their technique through individual running, jumping and throwing activities. They will analyse their own performance and look to make alterations in order to achieve their best scores. P.E. this term will be on a Tuesday morning. Children should come in their P.E. kit on a Tuesday morning and bring their school uniform to get changed in to later in the day.
How can I help / information for Helping Make a PowerPoint/poster/presentation focusing on a chosen continent outlining the major countries, cities, rivers and mountains. Discuss which countries are located in which continents.	How can I help / information for Helping Make a mnemonic to help remember the order of the planets. Discuss the differences of the planets and how they vary.	How can I help / information for Helping Please ensure that children have both an outdoor and indoor kit in school (including trainers) for the whole week as other indoor and outdoor sessions might take place at alternative times.

French	Music	PSHE / MindMate	R.E.
Focus: Places in the town.	Focus: 'Listening out'	Focus: physical health and wellbeing	Focus: Why are some places and
Skills / knowledge to be	Skills / knowledge to be	in the media.	journeys special?
developed: Learning key French	developed: We will learn to 'listen	Skills / knowledge to be	Skills / knowledge to be
vocabulary linked to places in a town; how to form simple sentences;	out' by listening to different anthems over the course of the half term. We	developed: developing the children's understanding of what physical	developed: developing the children's awareness of what places and
asking and responding to questions.	will work to identify the style of	health and wellbeing is and how this	journeys are important to other
Applied through: Using the 'Jolie	music, the instruments used and the	is portrayed in the media both	people and in different religions.
Ronde' scheme of work and	structure of the song (chorus, pre	positively and negatively.	This enables children to identify what
constructing a piece of writing about	chorus, introduction, instrumental	Applied through:	places and journeys are important to
life in their area.	solo etc). Children will also learn to	Discussion, PSHE lessons, circle	them.
	appraise songs through giving	time.	Applied through: Circle time, RE
	opinions supported with reasoning. Applied through: Music lessons.		lessons, discussion.
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Helping	Helping	Helping	Helping
Discuss what the children have learnt and get them to teach someone else	Encourage your child to listen to music at home and identify the	Discuss media influences with your child and help raise their awareness	Discuss the importance of different places and journeys and how a wide
in their family.	instruments, structure and style.	of misleading advertisements and	range of people from all over the
	Discuss different music genres and	images.	world have different perspectives
	what your child's preference is and	Encourage your child to select a role	based on the religion they choose to
	why.	model and discuss what makes	follow.
		someone a positive role model.	

Homework	Any Other Information / Dates for the Diary
Ongoing Homework	Tuesday 29 th September – Flu immunisations
• Reading: a minimum of 15 minutes reading every night (logged by the	Monday 1 st October – Individual photographs
children and noted in their reading record).	Friday 23 rd October - Training Day
KIRF target: See maths section	Friday 27 th November – Training Day
Times Tables: see Homework Log Sheet	W/B Monday 19 th October – Parents' Consultation Meetings
Mathletics: practise times tables, and objectives we	
 are covering in class. Mathletics teaches objectives, tests and has games for all the objectives in Year 5. It is a brilliant tool for consolidation and practise. Earn points and certificates on Mathletics. <i>Can you get 1000 points each week?</i> Spellings: learn the lists sent home and words outlined as common 	Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. They must remember to take it home every evening to wash the bottle and bring it in to school already full. This will ensure that the bottles are kept clean and germ-free for the children's use each day.
 Spennigs, learn the lists sent nome and words outlined as common errors in their Homework Log Sheet. Please see the class teacher if your child has not logged information on the sheet. Please continue to log children's progress with these activities on the weekly homework sheet – children earn House Points for each part that is fully completed. <u>Maths / English Homework</u> This year there will be two pieces of homework each week. Homework is given out on a Thursday, to be returned the following Tuesday. There will be an English based task on either comprehension or grammar once each week, and a maths based task. These will be pre-teaching of a new objective or consolidation of class work in class. Please encourage your child to discuss their homework at home in order that they develop the skills of explanation and reasoning. Children will be set a Learning Log activity once during every half term. This will be related to the Enriched Curriculum. On weeks when this is set, it will replace Maths and English homework. 	We encourage you to follow our school Twitter account @BramhamShadwell. We post regular updates and photographs of what your children are learning in class alongside other important school information, reminders and updates. To keep our children safe, please can we politely ask that you refrain from using the school field and climbing equipment after school and please leave the grounds as quickly as possible.

Thank you, as always, for your continuous help and support. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me or make an appointment at the office to arrange a meeting after school.

Miss Cammiss & Mrs Bourne