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Principals Welcome

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back, everyone, and Happy New Year!

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful, restful break and a magical Christmas if you were celebrating. We certainly needed the downtime after such a busy half term. Our annual pantomime kicked things off in style, and the children had a fantastic time joining in with Jack and the Beanstalk — oh yes they did! From there, we rolled straight into a month filled with nativities, winter fairs, a cinema night, parties, and even Breakfast with Santa. It was a whirlwind, but a joyful one.

As we start this new half term, we're looking forward to lighter mornings and, hopefully, far fewer germs. Attendance took quite a hit with the winter flu that swept through school in the final weeks, so fingers crossed we're all returning healthy and ready to learn. Please remember how important regular attendance is for your child. Of course, there will be days when children are genuinely too unwell to attend, but on those "under the weather" days, being in school still makes a big difference. It's surprising how much learning can be missed in just a single day.

We have so much to look forward to this half term and plenty of new knowledge to explore. As always, I'm excited to see what the children will achieve over the coming weeks.

Best wishes,

Fiona Lomas
Principal



Attendance

Here's the attendance results for each class so far...

Irwin 89.9%	Peake 91.1%	Lovlace 95.3%	Attenborough 91.6%	Anning 94.5%
Jemison 92.8%	Tesla 95.3%	Goodall 92.3%	Hawkings 94%	Johnson 94.5%
Heng 92.8%	Li 93.1%	Darwin 90%	Einstein 87.6%	Franklin 91%

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School Total - 93.2%

Nursery

Hello Parents and Carers,

The children have had a great first term in nursery and completed some wonderful learning over the Autumn term. We are looking forward to lots of exciting things happening in this half term.


In nursery, we will be learning about Space through focused books before moving on to learning about Superheroes and then ending the half term by learning about People who help us.

In English, we focus on language skills and will be developing those skills by singing lots of nursery rhymes and practicing our sentence structure. We will also be looking at the story books 'Alien's love underpants', 'Ten Little Superheroes' and ending the half term on 'Supertato'. We use elements of Write Dance and The Write Stuff in our teaching and learning which are built upon key principles such as: active learning and language development.

In maths, we will be exploring the numbers 1 and 2, looking at their place value, composition and how to form the numbers. We will also be exploring weight and begin to compare which objects are heavier than others.

Just as a reminder, if your child attends 30 hours a week, please do not include nuts in packed lunches as we have allergies in the class. Please also ensure grapes are cut up for safety.

Forest School Days	
Darwin	A different group will attend Forest School Monday-Thursday. These are the same groupings as Autumn term.
What is needed?	Your child will need to come to school wearing their forest school waterproofs and wellies on their allocated day!

What can I do to support my child at home?	
Reading	Your child will continue to receive a library book to enjoy at home and they will also be given a book without words to discuss and talk about at home. An adult can sign their reading journals, and they will receive a gold star if their reading journals are signed.
Reading	Please see the NHS guidance to support you with potty training at home by using the QR code: 

I can't wait for another exciting half term with Nursery.

Miss Wright



Year 1

Happy New year and welcome back for another exciting half term!

Maths

In Maths, we'll begin by continuing subtracting and adding within 20. We will practice counting and identifying teen numbers and move on to addition and subtraction within 20. We will estimate, compare and order numbers within 20.

English

Our main books' this term are George and the dragon and 'The queen's hat'. We will study the 'George and the dragon' text in detail for 4 weeks identifying significant features, writing styles and familiar illustrations and characters. This will then provide a scaffold for the children to write their own narrative at the end of the unit. Our 2nd unit is 'The Queen's Hat' where the children will learn all about key facts of our capital city London. We will watch videos and understand key landmarks in London such as the London eye and the Tower Bridge.

Reading

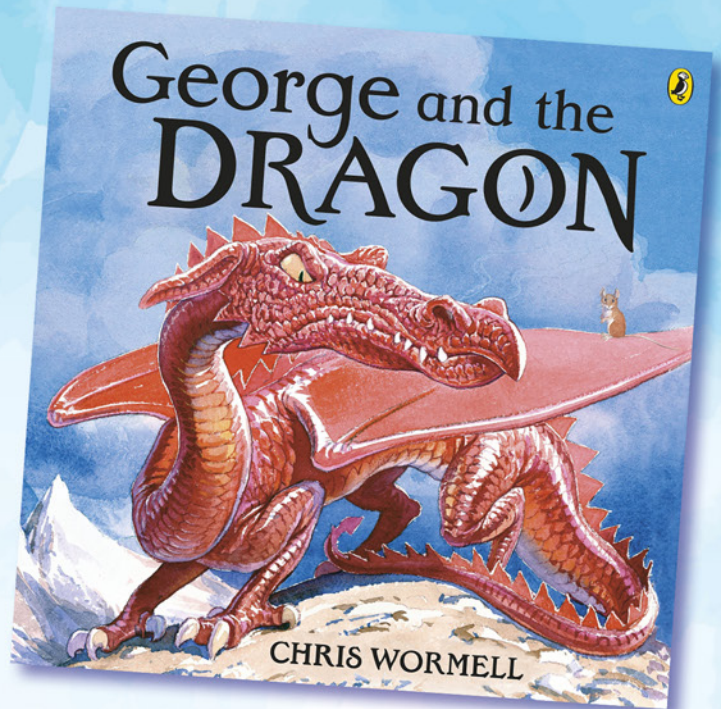
We teach reading through carefully planned phonics lessons, 1:1 reading, guided reading small groups and whole class guided reading lessons. Every child will have the opportunity to read a phonics decodable book and a comprehension book per week with a teacher.

To promote a love for reading, we'll use high-quality picture books, offer inviting cosy reading environments and use familiar texts that the children enjoy. We also have a book directly linked to every Grapheme taught in phonics to support their learning. Read aloud sessions are solely for enjoyment at the end of the school day where the children can choose their favourite book for the teacher to read aloud. Books sent home are chosen to help your child build reading fluency and confidence while enjoying the story. Please encourage them to read aloud to an adult for at least 10 minutes each evening, and don't forget to sign their reading record.

Please read with your child at least 3 times a week to accrue school reading badges.

History

This unit we will be learning about the order of significant monarchs in living memory (Queen Elizabeth II and Charles III). By the end of the unit the children will know that Queen Victoria came before my lifetime/ living memory and know that King Charles III is the current reigning monarch. We will be learning some artefacts that are important to the royal family and their importance. We will also be learning about particular rules the royal family follow. We will finish the unit through a role play coronation ceremony!



Geography

In Geography we will be looking at our local area through a map. We will be identifying physical and human features in our local area. We will also be labelling and name important features and locations on a map their capital cities.

Science

This term is all about space. We will be identifying the solar system and the planets. The children will be exposed to new vocabulary such as milky way, galaxies and universe.

RW

Children will learn about the Christian creation story. They will learn the key events, use important vocabulary to retell the story. Children learn that Christians believe slightly different things, but they mostly agree that God is responsible for creating everything. Children learn that people are in charge of looking after the creation (the world). They will learn that in the past, stained-glass windows in churches served as a way for people to learn Bible stories when they couldn't read. Students will examine artwork and images depicting the creation days, identifying each day's events and considering how these images convey meaning.

PE days		
Peake	Monday - indoor	Thursday - outdoor
Irwin	Thursday - indoor	Friday - outdoor

Your child MUST have their PE kit in school. White t-shirt, black shorts and black pumps (indoors) or trainers (outdoors).

Homework	
Reading	Your child should read as much as possible but at least 3 times as week at home. The reading diary must be signed 3 times each week.
Maths	Your child should complete the Sumdog homework task set by their teacher. The tasks will be set each Friday and should be completed by Wednesday the following week.

For any questions or to check what your child needs, please visit the school website or speak to your child's class teacher.

Miss Bennett and Miss Chilton

YEAR 2

Happy New Year! We're thrilled to welcome you back for another exciting half-term!

Heritage and Culture. This is the topic we will be focussing on in Spring term 1. In history, we will be exploring and learning all about the Great Fire of London. We will look at how the fire started, spread and discover the after effect it had on London. In geography, we will be learning all about maps. This will involve reading, drawing and comparing different maps of our school.

In science, we will continue to develop our knowledge about materials. We will be focusing on which materials are used for buildings. This will involve understanding more about natural and man-made materials. We will then move onto looking at the properties of these materials to understand how some materials are strong, waterproof and windproof.

In maths, we will learn all about money. We will learn how to recognise and use symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p), find different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money and finally solve simple problems involving addition and subtraction and giving the correct amount of change. We will then move onto multiplication and division. Here we will use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers.

In writing, we will be writing our own narrative based on the text *Grandad's Island* wrote by Benji Davies. This is a narrative based on a character who journeys somewhere new with someone special.

Your children are now familiar with reading expectations in the class. The reading book that is sent home is one that your child can easily read. This is so that they can focus on improving their reading fluency and enjoy the story.

PE days		
Attenborough	Monday - indoor	Wednesday - outdoor
Lovlace	Tuesday - indoor	Friday - outdoor

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Homework	
Reading	Your child should read as much as possible but at least 3 times a week at home. The reading diary must be signed 3 times each week.
Maths	Your child should complete the Sumdog homework task set by their teacher. The tasks will be set each Friday and should be completed by Wednesday the following week.

As always, if you have any questions, please come, and speak to us. We can be found at our classroom doors at the end of most days. We are excited and looking forward to this half term.

**Mr Ajmal and Miss Higginson
Year 2 teachers**



Year 3

Hello and a very warm welcome back.

In Spring 1, we will be focusing on skills such as map and compass reading in Geography. In History we will use a timeline to look at the Stone age through to the Iron age. We will also focus on the settlements during each era.

In maths, we will be finishing off our multiplication and division unit before moving on to length and perimeter where we will look at a range of measuring units and converting of numbers.

In English, we will be exploring a range of high-quality picture books and poems to develop a love of reading. Our writing unit is based upon a book called The Last Bear which focuses on an adventure narrative. We will use the story to write our own narrative and non-chronological report.

Your children will continue to have reading books, and we are so excited to show the children our new, wide, range of texts. Like last year, the reading book that is sent home is one that your child can easily read. This is so that they can focus on improving their reading fluency and enjoying the story. Please encourage your child to read for at least 10 minutes every night.

3 Jemison will continue to have PE, Tuesdays and Thursdays this term, whereas 3 Anning will have PE Wednesdays and Fridays. Please make sure that every item of kit, including pumps, are labelled clearly. Pupils should NOT come to school in their PE kits. They will be getting changed in class, which is part of the National curriculum. It is vital that each child has a PE kit so they can participate in their lessons appropriately.

This year, there is an expectation that your child completes 50 questions on Sumdog for their homework every week, therefore iPads need to be taken home.

Homework is set on a Friday and expected to be completed by the following Wednesday.

Additionally, please encourage your children to be practicing the year 3 and 4 common exception words and their 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 times tables as these are what they need to know by the end of year 3. We are happy to print these off to support your child at home if needed.

PE days		
Jemison	Tuesday - outdoor	Thursday - indoor
Anning	Wednesday - indoor	Friday - outdoor

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Homework	
Reading	Your child should read as much as possible but at least 3 times as week at home. The reading diary must be signed 3 times each week.
Maths	Your child should complete the Sumdog homework task set by their teacher. The tasks will be set each Friday and should be completed by Wednesday the following week.

Learning is a partnership between home and school, so if you have any questions, please come, and speak to us. We are excited and looking forward to what will be a wonderful year.

Miss Davies and Miss Ahmed.



YEAR 4

Wow! What a busy half term we have had; a fun filled pantomime, an exciting Christmas party and of course tons of excellent learning in all areas of the curriculum! The children have continued to work hard and impress us all! We are looking forward to all the amazing learning opportunities Spring 1 holds!

Our whole school topic this half term is 'Heritage and Culture'.

In History, we are learning all about the Romans – we will delve in to exploring artefacts to find out what life was like in Roman Britain! In Geography we are going to be learning all about 8-point compasses and completing map work with a focus on Uganda. In Art we are learning how to sculpture and carve clay to create a textured bowl. In Science we will be learning all about living sustainably!

In English we are basing our writing on 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane': a 6-million-copy-selling classic adventure story about a beloved toy rabbit! We'll be journeying with Edward on a voyage from New York to London, where Edward falls overboard and from there finds himself on an amazing journey. This will inspire us to write our own journey narratives. We will then explore non-chronological reports about roman inventions making use of our history knowledge about The Romans!

In Maths, our first topic is multiplication and division. We will multiply up to 3 digit numbers by 1 digit number and divide 3 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers as well as learning how to multiply and divide by 10 and 100. After this, we will be moving onto our length and perimeter topic where we will calculate perimeter and find missing lengths.

We can't wait to continue our learning this half term year 4! Miss Jones and Miss Kitching



PE days

Goodall	Monday - indoor	Tuesday – outdoor
Tesla	Friday – indoor	Wednesday – outdoor

Your child **MUST** have their PE kit in school. White t-shirt, black shorts and black pumps (indoors) or trainers (outdoors). For outdoor please ensure full length trousers are provided.

Homework

Reading	Your child should read as much as possible but at least 3 times a week at home. The reading diary must be signed 3 times each week.
Maths	Your child should complete the Sumdog homework task set by their teacher. The tasks will be set each Friday and should be completed by Wednesday the following week.



YEAR 5

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to everyone in Year 5! It's great to be back – everybody has settled back into the school routines brilliantly, which is fantastic to see.

Our whole school topic this half term is 'Heritage and Culture'.

In year 5 we will be learning about Vikings and Map Reading. We'll consider when, how and why the Vikings invaded Britain, as well as using our creative skills to make shields in art and become warriors ourselves! Our Geography work will involve detailed 4 figure grid references and some orienteering work too.

In English, our writing will be focused on all things related to Vikings. Our narrative work is based on 'Viking Boy' by Tony Bradman, while our non-fiction work will be a report about a child's life as a Viking.

In Maths, we will learn about multiplication and division, where we will learn how to multiply by 2-digit numbers using column method. We will also continue to work on fractions, where we will learn how to multiply fractions and also to calculate fractions of amounts and apply this in different contexts. We will also study decimals and percentages.

In Science, we are learning all about how our bodies work in our 'Healthy Me' unit. We focus on how to keep healthy, how foods can affect our body.

PE days

Hawking	Tuesday - Swimming	Friday - indoor
Johnson	Monday - indoor	Thursday - outdoor

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Homework

Reading	Your child should read as much as possible but at least 3 times a week at home. The reading diary must be signed 3 times each week.
Maths	Your child should complete the Sumdog homework task set by their teacher. The tasks will be set each Friday and should be completed by Wednesday the following week.

School iPads

Please ensure your school iPads are fully charged, so that children don't miss out on learning opportunities in class.

Looking forward to a brilliant 2026!

Very best wishes

Mr Clyne (Johnson) & Mr Moorby (Hawking)

Vikings



Longship



Longhouse



Alfred the Great

Year 6

Welcome back to Spring 1 at Broadoak!

It's hard to believe we're already beginning a brand-new half-term! We hope you had a restful break and are ready for another exciting stretch of learning. With our high Year 6 expectations firmly in place, we're looking forward to a fantastic term filled with rich and meaningful experiences.

Our whole-school topic for this half-term is 'Heritage and Culture', a theme that encourages pupils to explore identity, tradition and the stories that shape who we are.

In Year 6, our writing curriculum will take us on quite a journey. We'll begin by diving into *Coraline*, using this wonderfully eerie text to inspire our own narrative writing. Later in the half-term, we'll shift to *Rose Blanche*, where pupils will develop their skills in crafting fear narratives with sensitivity and control. We'll finish the half-term by exploring *Letters from the Lighthouse*, using it as a stimulus for writing thoughtful and historically informed non-fiction letters.

In maths, we'll be moving on to ratio, algebra and decimals - three areas that really help prepare pupils for the transition to secondary school. As always, strong arithmetic skills make a huge difference, so continued practice on TT Rockstars and completion of weekly Sumdog homework will be incredibly valuable.

In science, our focus will be evolution and inheritance. Pupils will investigate how living things change over time, how traits are passed down through generations, and how scientists use evidence to understand the past.



PE days		
Heng	Monday - outdoor	Wednesday - indoor
Li	Tuesday - indoor	Thursday - outdoor

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Homework	
Reading	Your child should read as much as possible but at least 3 times a week at home. The reading diary must be signed 3 times each week.
Maths	Your child should complete the Sumdog homework task set by their teacher. The tasks will be set each Friday and should be completed by Wednesday the following week.

We can't wait to carry on having a fabulous year and starting 2026 on a high.

Miss Dale and Mr Kimberley



Clubs - Spring 1 2026



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 (Years 1 - 2)	Forest School	Arts & Crafts	Street Dance	Boxing	Supersingers
KS2 (Years 3 - 5)	Netball / basketball Boxing	Rounders / cricket Street Dance	Boys Football Science Club	Ball games Supersingers	Girls Football

Spring 1 Term Dates



Monday 5th January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 6th January	Return to School
Monday 12th January	SEND Coffee Morning (At the HUB)
Monday 2nd February	Parents Evening
Tuesday 3rd February	Parents Evening
Thursday 12th February	Young Voices
Friday 13th February	INSET DAY
Monday 23rd February	Return to School
Monday 23rd February	Year 4 DEVA Trip

