

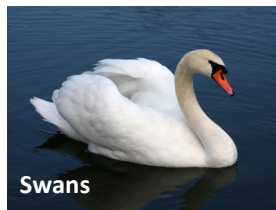


Brooksward School

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 5/6

Autumn Term 2026



Welcome back!

This leaflet is to provide you with some information about the experiences the children will have this term and the expectations we have so they can be successful in Years 5 and 6.

If you need further details about anything in this leaflet then please contact your child's teacher who will be more than happy to help.

We look forward to continuing to work with you during the year so that you child can enjoy school life and achieve as much as they possibly can.

The Year 5/6 Team.

Year 5/6 Staff:

Teachers: Miss Docherty & Miss Regan, Mrs Stevens & Mr Mac, Miss Brereton and Mrs Shaikh.

Supported by: Mrs Boothman, Mrs Jain & Mrs Safi.

English

During the first half term, our Literacy will be linked to the film, Avatar. In class, we will explore the different settings, characters and mythical creatures within the film. Through the topic, we will be writing setting descriptions, narratives and non-chronological reports.



In the second half term we will be reading Holes and basing our writing around the text as well as the classic film. We will be exploring character motivations and writing diary entries from the perspective of the villains and protagonists.

In addition, children will take part in reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar lessons as well as regular handwriting practise.

Maths

This term, Year 5 and 6 will be consolidating their understanding of place value and developing their written method knowledge for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and applying these to large and decimal numbers. Following this, they will begin a unit of work on fractions, this will include learning how to find fractions of amounts, equivalent fractions and the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages.

All children will also take part in daily maths drill sessions (in Year 5) to help them in learning key maths facts such as times tables or division facts.



Science

Our topics this term include Space and Beyond, Inheritance and the Shang Dynasty. In Year 5 Science, Space and Beyond will allow the children to explore and learn about space outside of the Earth. planets and orbits of the planets. In Year 6, children will be learning about Charles Darwin's theory of evolution and which evidence we have for the theory.

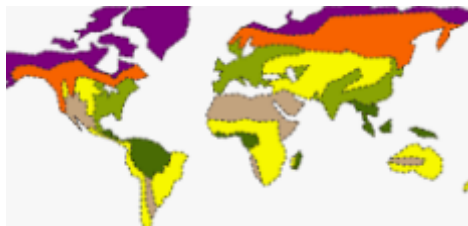


History

In History for the first half term, we will be exploring the ancient Chinese dynasty of Shang. We will learn about the hierarchy of Shang society, the kings of the dynasty, as well as their religious beliefs and practices. As within other topics about empires and dynasties, we shall be understanding how the Shang regime rose to power, and ultimately fell.

Geography

In the following half term, in Geography, we shall be learning about the main 6 biomes (Tundra, Rainforest, Woodland, Grassland, Savannahs & Deserts). We shall be learning about which wildlife and vegetation can be found in each biome, and how they conditions allow life to flourish. The children shall also be looking at how global warming has impacted the future of these biomes and how humans can help slow down its affects.

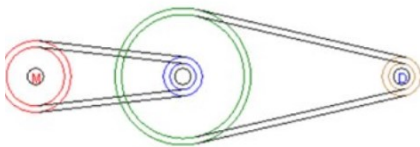


Art

In Art, we shall embarking upon a brand new topic whereby we shall creating traditional Chinese ink paintings, which will lend itself to our history learning. Children will be designing a range of beautiful landscapes inspired by ancient Chinese artists, specifically our half term's key artist: Pu Pinyu,



DT



In DT, we shall be designing and constructing our own electrical vehicles, which shall be assembled with wood and be powered by batteries. This nicely links to the

children's prior knowledge of building circuits in Science. Children will practise their sawing and sketching skills, which they have built upon in their previous topics.

PSHE

This half term, children shall be focusing on how to keep themselves safe. This includes how to keep their information safe online, and which information is not safe to share. They shall also understand what peer pressure is and how to combat this in negative situations. In the following



half term, children will learn about stereotypes and how these can negatively impact those who are stereotyped. We shall also be consolidating our understanding of all forms of bullying, and how this can be responded to in a healthy manner.

RE

In RE lessons this half term, we will be exploring how religious beliefs and practices can be expressed through the arts, such as imagery, music and dance.

During the second half term, we will be learning about modern inspirational people of faith. Throughout the topic, we shall be covering a range of different religions and exploring the actions of figures such as Martin Luther King and Malala Yousafzai.



Music

We shall continue to use Music Express to work on our knowledge of musical terms and understanding. Children will be practising a song each week, working up to a full performance to be recorded.



French

In the first half term, children will be learning to say personal pronouns in French, such as 'Elle, Tu and Je'. They will also be learning about the different animals they can talk about, such as cats and dogs. In the following half term, the children shall be learning about the different food groups in French and how to say some phrases that would help them in a French restaurant.



Computing

In Computing our focus will be e-safety this term: Year 5s will learning about personal data and creating blogs advising others how to keep their personal details safe. Year 6s will be learning about e-safety within the context of digital medial and copyright. They will then use this learning to create a Prezi presentation for a specific audience. Later in the term, the children will continue developing their knowledge of algorithms and the language of programming using Scratch (Year 5) and Kodu (Year 6).

P.E

The children will be working with Coach Dave to learn about the rules and skills needed in different indoor and outdoor invasion games. In Year 5 they will be focusing on hockey and Year 6 will focus on tactics within a range of games). To participate safely in the lessons, the children must bring in a full PE kit on the following days:

Swans: Wednesday and Thursday

Hérons: Tuesday and Thursday

Mallards: Wednesday and Thursday

Kingfishers: Tuesday and Friday



Homework

Every week, the children will be expected to complete the following homework:

- Times table or division facts practise - 4 times
- Spelling practice - 4 times (Spellings will be tested on Wednesday in Year 6 and Friday in Year 5)
- Reading - 4 times (Reading diaries will be checked on Fridays)
- One piece of Maths to be completed on MyMaths Set on Thursday, due back on the following Tuesday)

Teachers will be rewarding great home learning habits with dojos!