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KS1 Spring 1 Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely Christmas and managed to enjoy some wintry walks with friends and family. We would like to say thank you for all the kind words and sentiments expressed at the end of the Autumn term in many of the Christmas cards and at the nativity performances. We hope those of you that managed to come and see the performances enjoyed them, we were so proud of the children and feel the new format of having separate performances enabled both year groups to have their moment to shine!

Our New Topic 'Emergency, Emergency!'

The children have settled back into the routines and expectations of the class really well and we enjoyed listening to their Christmas adventures during our circle times this week. This half term our topic will be "Emergency" and is all about finding out more about the emergency services with a planned visit from the Fire Service (government guidelines allowing) and hopefully a paramedic, doctor and policeman. If you are a member of the emergency services or know someone who is that could spare some time either morning or afternoon to come and talk about their role and answer some questions from our very enthusiastic children then we would be very grateful.

Please email the office at admin@bransgore.hants.sch.uk



Our learning this half term will include:

Geography:

- Using and creating our own maps
- Finding where the emergency services are in our area

History:

- Learning about who Grace Darling is and why she is a significant individual of the past
- What lighthouses are used for and when the first lighthouses were built

Art:

- Creating a mixed media collage using torn paper and weaving material

Science:

- Finding out about all animals, including humans and what their basic needs are for survival
- The importance of exercise for humans
- Why humans need a balanced diet including finding out more about the different food groups

ICT:

- Children will create a digital picture and talk about the tools that they are using

RE:

- They will be learning more about why Jesus is important and become familiar with some of the parables about Jesus and how he has helped Christians.





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Reading:

Thank you for your continued support with your child's reading, we were pleased that so many children made progress with their reading last term and their confidence and enthusiasm to read aloud also increased which was lovely to see. Reading with your child for at least 15 minutes every day can have a great impact on all aspects of their learning as this helps to expand their vocabulary.

This half term, if your child is on the Read, Write, Inc reading program they will be coming home with;

- 1) A **Read, Write, Inc paper** copy of the book they have been reading with their phonics teacher and they will have read at least twice in their phonics group.
- 2) A **Read, Write, Inc 'Book Bag' Book** (this is a new element of the Read, Write, Inc scheme that the school has invested in to support your child's reading development) – this is a book linked to their Read, Write, Inc book but your child has NOT read this in school so they are applying their phonic skills to decode the words in this book.
- 3) A **colour banded reading book** – to be changed independently by the child once it has been read 2 or 3 times at home. The wider the range of books your child can read at the correct reading level, the more fluent they will become and their vocabulary will rapidly increase.



Tapestry:

Please continue to check the 'Memos' section of Tapestry for weekly spellings, the first set for this half term will be posted on Tapestry on Friday this week, but also for other notices from the Key Stage 1 team. This will also be the way we will be posting home learning if you are isolating so please ensure you are familiar with this section of Tapestry.

PE:

Please note that the day your child does PE has changed back to the same days that it was in Autumn 1 now that the nativity rehearsals have finished and this will be:

Giraffes – Monday (Outdoor) Wednesday (Indoor)
Panthers – Thursday (Outdoor) Wednesday (Indoor)
Zebras – Tuesday (Outdoor) Wednesday (Indoor)

Please send your child to school these days in appropriate PE kit inline with the school guidelines.

Communicating with your child's teacher:

If you wish to speak with your child's teacher please email admin@bransgore.hants.sch.uk and they will endeavour to respond to you as soon as they can.

Please can I ask that any outstanding reading books are returned to school as soon as possible and that all books that are sent home are kept flat and dry as we found a lot of ripped and damaged books at the end of last term in book bags and lockers. We always try to ensure that the children have a zip wallet to keep books in but understand that these sometimes get misplaced.

Thank you so much for your continued support with your children's learning.

Key Stage 1 Teachers

Miss Cox, Miss Sparks and Mrs Kirby

