

Try Your Best

Show Respect

Learn Together

BRADDAN SCHOOL YEAR 6 Autumn Term 2 2022

Teacher: Mrs Kelly

Supported by(am): Mrs Cassidy

'Myths, Legends & Fairy Tales'

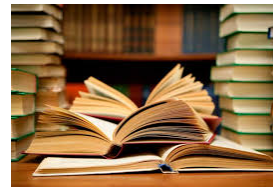


Upcoming Dates

- Friday 4th November: Cake Sale
- 7th & 8th November: Parents Evening
- Friday 2nd December: Non Uniform Day & Hamper donations
- Monday 12th December: Pantomime Dress Rehearsal
- 13th & 14th December: Pantomime performances

READING

Our aim is to help children love reading!



How can you help?

Reading is so important for your child's academic progress! Please encourage a love of reading at home. Regular reading does not only impact reading fluency skills but also develops comprehension, broadens vocabulary and improves writing skills.

We do monitor how often children are reading at home, so please remember to fill in your child's reading record. This could be as simple as a signature or an initial. **There is a minimum expectation for your child to read at least 4 times per week at home (although every day is best!)** We appreciate this can be difficult due to other commitments, however it is essential for your child's academic progress. If your child is not seen to be engaging with reading at home on a regular basis a letter from the head teacher will be sent home as a reminder.

LITERACY FOCUS

We will be looking at a range of different myths, legends and Fairy Tales as a basis for our literacy lessons this half term. Lots of these tales will be familiar and others less known. We will be using these to help us come up with our own ideas for writing, creating stories with a twist or with alternative endings.

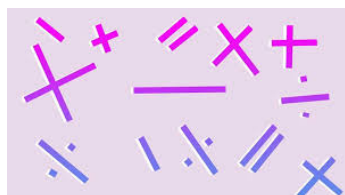
The children will continue to have regular guided reading sessions in small groups, and will continue to develop their handwriting and practice spelling in class. We also have small group targeted writing sessions, focusing on building vocabulary and key writing skills.

MATHS OBJECTIVES

- Revisit and consolidate key year 5 objectives to support year 6 curriculum coverage.
- Continued revision of all times tables and related division facts.
- Develop skills for reasoning and problem solving.
- Daily mental maths challenges.
- **Number: Four Operations.** We will consolidate key skills, operations and strategies in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This will include written and mental strategies to help solve calculations.

You can help: it is vital that your child has a good grasp of key mathematical skills. This is to ensure they are able to successfully access the curriculum learning.

- Does your child know all of their times tables and related division facts by heart?
- Does your child know how to tell the time?
- Can you child solve every day maths problems? e.g. change due at a shop, how long until the next bus etc





Physical Education

We will continue to have PE lessons with the MSR coach each **Monday**. Please make sure that your child has the correct kit in school for their PE lesson. All jewellery should be removed and long hair tied up for PE.

The children will continue to have swimming lessons this half term. It is essential that children have the correct swimming kit with them every **Wednesday morning**. If your child is unable to participate in swimming due to illness etc, please ensure you inform the class teacher. We will have a weekly forest school slot on a **Thursday afternoon**. Please ensure your child has weather appropriate forest school kit in school every Thursday.

Drinks and snacks

Children need to have a **water bottle** in school to keep hydrated during the day (no juices or fizzy drinks, please) and may bring **fruit/vegetables** to have at morning snack time. Toast is also available at a cost of 20p per day.

For guidance on what are appropriate snacks and drinks in school, please see the healthy eating policy on the school website.



Science

This half term the children will be further developing their 'working scientifically' skills. We will be planning, setting up and conducting exciting experiments. Our main science focus this term is Electricity. Children will be exploring and building electrical circuits.

Information Technology

In school we use ICT wherever possible to enhance our learning within the classroom. Our main ICT focus this half term will be becoming confident when using different computer programs, word processing and navigating the internet. We will also continue to develop our understanding on digital safety and what it means to protect ourselves online. This term we will be learning how to use Microsoft Teams as a platform for learning in preparation for secondary school.

Topic

Our pantomime this year is 'Robin Hood'. We will use this as a starting point for our topic. Our topic this half term is 'Myths, Legends & Fairy Tales'. We will be exploring the history of story telling from across the globe and how stories and tales have been passed down through cultures over time. We will also look at traditional fairytales and think about how these could be adapted for a more modern audience. We will also be watching film adaptations of some key stories and using these as a basis for our own acting and drama.

PATHS / P4C / PSHE / JIGSAW/ RE

We have regular lessons which encourage children to consider their social, emotional, physical and moral wellbeing, and to raise awareness and tolerance of different beliefs and cultures. Our learning curriculum offers a variety of skills based learning experiences for the children to understand how to become emotionally literate. The children will also be participating in some sessions lead by Isle Listen.



Home Learning

This year you will find any home learning challenges set on our online learning platform '**its learning**'. I will be setting weekly maths and literacy focused tasks, to help prepare them for high school. Please do encourage your children to engage with their home learning tasks. As the term goes on and pantomime demands increase, we may make the judgement to reduce the homework load in favour of pantomime preparation.

These tasks allow parents/carers to become involved in their child's learning and encourage discussion on the topics being taught in school.

Reading Eggs is an excellent online resource to boost reading and spelling skills, and children can also access **TTRockstars** to practice their times tables. There are also lots of additional resources in the 'optional activities' folder on its learning.

How can you help?

Encourage your child to engage in their home learning and to read regularly at home.

Please continue to speak positively about learning and school and to continue to reinforce acceptable behaviour in school.

To keep up to date with whats going on in school, you will find information on our school website, our Braddan School Facebook page and class relevant information on your child's class 'Its learning' page.

Please talk to us (the end of the school day is usually the best time, if possible) should you have any concerns or comments about your child's learning.

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