

Numeracy

In our maths sessions, we will initially be a review of place value. Our focus will be on knowing our number bonds to 20 and then 100. We will also learn to read, represent and order numbers to 100 and 1,000.

We will then move onto adding and subtracting two and three digit numbers as well as counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 50s.

You can help:

Encourage opportunities for maths at home or out and about eg calculating pocket money spending, reading time etc. There are also many fun, free apps and online games to practice maths.

Encourage your child to:

‘Have a go’, especially when they are uncertain. Praise and reward effort as much as performance or results. Encourage different ways to become ‘unstuck’ if they become stuck.

Times tables

It would be beneficial to practice times tables at home. In Year 2, we recommend 2x, 5x and 10x tables.



Reading & Literacy Focus

The Year 2 students will be reading daily in class and will have guiding reading sessions regularly.

To encourage them to build their love for reading, we encourage reading at home for a minimum of 4 times a week. We have Reading Awards for children who show regular reading throughout the term.

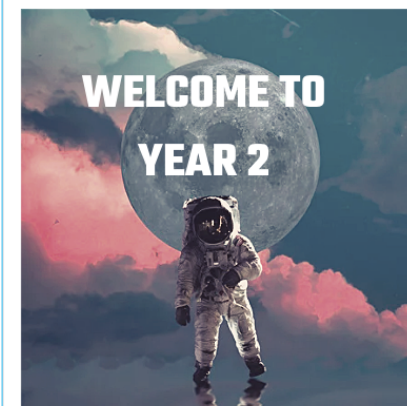
Please ask your child questions about their texts, like:

- How do you know what the character is feeling?
- What is the most interesting fact?
- How do you know what is going to happen next?

We ask that you record your child's reading in their reading diary and we will check them every Friday. Our guided reading sessions are usually noted in the diaries as well, so they need to be in class daily.

Our writing focuses will be narratives and writing persuasive letters this term, which will be linked to our class topic about space. The children will also have regular skills-based lessons in handwriting, phonics, spelling and grammar.

Braddan School Year 2 Autumn Term 1 2022



Reach for the stars!

This is an exciting year, where we will learn together, try our best and show respect. We will also learn to be flexible and adapt to change positively.

At Braddan School, we have an open door ethos, so if you have any questions or concerns, please contact

Mrs Ward at

BraddanEnquiries@sch.im

or 01624 661087 or write a note in your child's reading diary and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Physical Education

During this half term, the class will have PE on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit in class. No jewellery can be worn and long hair must be tied up.

On Tuesday afternoons, our class will have regular Forest School sessions. We will learn to tie knots, such as the clove hitch and square knot. We will also use maps to create treasure hunts; use fires to cook our own food and collaborate to create dens.

Art

We are going to use a range of art techniques this half term.

We will use pastels and look into colour theory – deciding on the best colours to blend and those that are complementary.

We will also create sculpture by building our own space craft. This will allow us to practice our cutting and joining skills.

Drinks and Snacks

In class, we offer toast each morning after first break. This can be ordered through Parentpay at the office for 20p a day. Milk is also available.

We are a healthy eating school, so please send in fruit and vegetables for snacks and provide a water bottle for your child to have fresh water throughout the day.

Topic

This term our exciting topic was developed by the class during their moving up days last year. They wanted to learn about Space.

We are focusing on the Geography elements of Year 2 learning, by describing and comparing places in space and considering why humans want to investigate space. We are also going to discuss why people value places differently.

Our History focus will be on creating space travel timelines.

Science

In Science, we will study Forces and Motion through rockets (thrust) and meteors (gravity), and also revisit Dark and Light.

There will be lots of exciting new vocabulary words to learn, so please chat about acceleration, thrust and weightlessness with your child.

ICT

Our ICT focus is word processing. We will find out how to save our work to the desktop.

Once the children become confident with typing, we will find ways to improve our work by looking at colour, font and size.

Music

In music, we will learn some new songs and learn how to sing in cannon as well as exploring a range of untuned instruments. We will also create our own 'space' music using the untuned instruments.

Metacognition

Our metacognition curriculum offers a variety of skills based learning experiences for the children to understand how to become emotionally literate and support their personal learning journey.

We believe it is essential to develop our student's capability by encouraging them to try their best, show respect and learn together. More information on this can be found on our website under the Vision tab.

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.

Home Learning

Home learning challenges are set on our online learning platform 'ItsLearning'. We will be setting a range of creative home learning tasks along with more maths and literacy focused tasks that align with our current learning. Please encourage your children to engage with their home learning tasks (available in the first week of October).

This is an opportunity for you to become involved in your child's learning and encourage discussion on the subjects being taught in school.

Children can continue to access the excellent online resources, Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress.

Please continue to praise your child's efforts and welcome mistakes (they are what help all of us to learn).