

Numeracy

In our maths sessions, we will addition and subtraction focused. We will continue to use number bonds and our place value skills to help develop the Year 2 concepts.

You can help:

Encourage opportunities for maths at home or out and about e.g. calculating pocket money by counting in 10p to 100p (£1) or asking how much more they need if you give them 20p. There are also many fun, free apps and online games to practice maths, including White Rose 1 – minute maths, which is designed to help with the instant recall the children need to develop.

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, like drawing pictures and number lines or using materials from around the house.

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:

- What other stories have you read that are similar to this one?
- What would happen if the main character changed to a... ?
- Why did the author choose to use this word? Could they have used any other adjective/verb?

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 letter writing, travel brochures (non-chronological reports) and poetry this term. The children will also have regular skills-based lessons in handwriting and phonics.

Braddan School Year 2 Autumn Term 2 2022



CAVEMEN and the STONE AGE

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

Our foci for this term are dance and hockey skills. During this term, the class will have PE on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit in class. Please remember that jewellery should remain home (earrings too) and long hair must be tied up.

On Tuesday afternoons, our class will have regular Forest School sessions. We will learn about fire safety and begin to cook our own food (just like the Ancient humans did). We will continue to use knots to build dens and other wonderful inventions whilst

Art

This half term we will develop our pencil, pastel and charcoal skills.

We will make a variety of different lines (caveman art) and show different tones using coloured pencils.

We will also create sculpture by creating our own Stone Age jewellery and animals using plasticine.

This will allow us to practice proportion and molding skills, as well as developing our fine motor skills further.

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 and will include lots of history elements including:

- Using historical terminology and chronological terminology to describe the passing of time
- Recognising differences between their own lives and the lives of people from the past
- Answering questions about the past in a variety of ways
 - Organising information

Design and Technology

In D&T, we will design and make our own Cavemen costumes!

We will measure in cm, join textiles and discuss the different properties of our textiles. This also supports our science learning (Materials).

ICT

Our ICT focus is control and monitoring. We will use both physical and online coding opportunities like SCRATCH, hour of code, Beebots and Lego robots.

Music

Mrs Trimble is going to be leading us in learning a Stone Age rap! We will be singing, following known tunes in preparation for Christmas too.

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.

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

We share our home learning every **Tuesday** at news time!

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).