

Numeracy

In our maths sessions, we will start with fractions and then develop our knowledge of time. We will continue to use number bonds and our place value skills to help develop the Year 2 concepts so please practise these skills at home.

You can help:

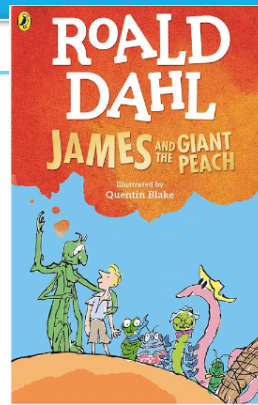
Encourage opportunities for maths at home or out and about e.g. skip counting up in 5 minutes, 10p coins, 100 stars etc. Talk about odd and even numbers, like house numbers. Work out fractions of treats in $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, and even thirds. There are also many fun, free apps and online games 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. Celebrate when a mistake is made because it is an opportunity to make a correction! Let your child see you make your own mistakes too.

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 are really improving their reading skills and enjoy our class reading and their Guided Reading groups. This term, we are continuing to read James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl.

A great way to extend their thinking is to compare this text to others written by the same author. Another way is to discuss how movies differ from the books, so if you want to watch the movie – please do!

To encourage children 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 half term. Reading at home makes a huge impact on our students’ achievement, so please do take the time to encourage reading wherever possible.

Our writing focus is on narratives this half-term. We will be building on our previous learning about grammar. We will also consider carefully how characters interact with each other.

The children will also have regular skills-based lessons in handwriting and phonics.

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New Zealand!

This half term, our topic is one that seems only too obvious... New Zealand!

The children wanted to look at a country further afield and strangely chose this one – Mrs Ward couldn’t say no. So kia ora, welcome to our next adventure.

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.

Physical Education

Our focus for this half term is Athletics – particularly looking at throwing for distance and running for speed. 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 again and create our own outdoor equipment for play.

Art

This half term we will collaborate with collage artworks and then use printmaking to make our own Maori designs.

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 geography and history skills:

- Using geographical language to describe natural and built areas
- Compare historic maps to modern ones and aerial photographs
- Locate New Zealand on a world map and plot both the Maori explorers and Captain Cook's journey
- Discuss why British citizens moved across the world
- Find out how flags are designed and work as groups to create a new 'Braddan' flag.

We will also create our own historic journal entries and share why our own families have travelled to new homes.

Science

We will be learning about Grouping Materials in Science. This includes recognising similarities and differences in materials and sorting objects based on their material properties.

We will also look at new words like 'transparent, translucent, shininess, magnetic'

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

This half term, the class have designed our own home learning challenges which will be set on our online learning platform 'ItsLearning'.

Please encourage your children to engage with their home learning tasks or to create from their own interests – such as creating books, fact sheets, constructing items or creating artworks.

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

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).