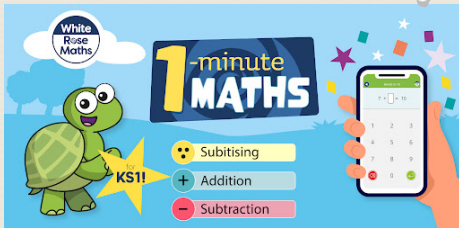


Home & Online learning

Itslearning is available for online learning provision, including sending in home learning.



Three great online resources are **Reading Eggspress**, **Times Tables Rockstars** and **White Rose 1 Minute Maths** (no login required). Logins for all of our online learning will be sent home via home reading journals.



Home Learning should mainly be reading, and the online provisions above. If you want to bring anything else in about our learning, then feel free to do so on Fridays.

How can I help at home?

Please read at home with your child. School reading books are sent home and changed regularly at school.

Children can fill in their yellow reading journals by themselves, but please check and sign them too. We use the reading journals so that we can see how well the children are doing at home. Journals are checked at school each Friday. **Please make sure your child has the journal ready to hand in each week.**



There are lots of great age appropriate books out there: take a look at www.schoolreadinglist.co.uk for inspiration. The Family Library and Henry Bloom Noble Library are also full of fantastic books for you to share at home.



Parent
Information
Letter
Autumn 2023
Dogfish Class -
4/5S

Welcome to a new year at Braddan School! We have seen lots of changes but are just as keen as ever to work well in school and enjoy what we do.

We are using our School Values in class:

**Show Respect
Learn Together
Try Your Best**

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 students' capabilities by encouraging them to follow the school values.

We have lessons that encourage children to consider their social, emotional, physical and moral wellbeing, and to raise awareness and tolerance of different beliefs and cultures.

Maths is taught by using the Teaching for Mathematical Understanding curriculum. This term we are focusing on place value, calculation and measuring. We will be continuing to encourage fluency in times tables and other calculations, as well as flashing back to previous learning each day.

English - Our novel and writing focus is Harry's Mad by Dick King-Smith. We will be using this novel to focus our reading comprehension and writing skills. We will also be learning about nonfiction through biographies and creating our own biographies on famous American figures. We have guided reading sessions each week to develop our reading and comprehension skills. Our weekly extended creative writing session is a special time to apply what we have learned and express ourselves in our writing. Spelling and grammar sessions will focus on singular and plurals, pronouns, compound words, adverbs, alternative spellings, affixes, homophones and the Years 4,5&6 spelling lists. We will also have handwriting sessions.

America

This term our topic is **America**. This is a wide topic including history, geography, science and art. We have had lots of discussion about what interests us, and our activities are based on the interests of the class. As there is so much to pack in, this topic will run through Thanksgiving to the end of term.



Science - Our main focus for this term is Electricity. We will be finding out more about safety and electrical circuits, and also about American scientists and inventors. We will also be looking at Working Scientifically, including asking questions, making observations, identifying and classifying, suggesting answers to questions based on observations and gathering and recording data to help us answer questions.

PE is run by MSR on Monday mornings. This term the focus will be Hockey and Badminton. **Please make sure that your child has the appropriate kit in for PE.** Earrings need to be taken out for each PE session.

Swimming is on Wednesdays.

Forest School is on Tuesdays. Please make sure they have appropriate Forest School kit on that day.

Personal, Social Health Education - PSHE is taught through each subject, and will also be taught through the Jigsaw scheme.

Geography & History

In Geography we will be studying various aspects of physical and human geography in the United States, looking at states, climate zones and the Natural Wonders. We will be studying different events in American History from Native Americans, the discovery of America, the War of Independence, the Civil War and the Space Race.

ICT - We will be using ICT as much as we can to enhance our learning within the classroom. In lessons we will be learning about e-safety and learning about animation.