

Broke Hall Primary School

Year 1 Newsletter - Summer 2026

Year 1

Thank you for your support in helping the children to make a great start this term. We have lots of children regularly reading at home, talking about favourite authors, and sharing their love of reading. We are getting ready for the Year 1 Phonics Screening after half term by engaging in lots of exciting and interactive Bug Club phonics lessons and reading for enjoyment. The children have been spotting the signs of spring and are now looking forward to enjoying those long, warm summer days, including lots of outdoor learning. We are also looking forward to tending to some pots with flowering plants to enhance our outside environment.



Maths

This term has started with the children beginning to learn about multiplication and division. Following this, the children will work on partitioning, comparing, and ordering numbers to 100. Then the children will learn about fractions, position, and direction. Later in the term children will learn to identify coins and notes and begin to make equivalent amounts. They will learn about time, using the language of time, comparing time, and using a calendar. Children will begin to use an analogue clock to identify o'clock and half past times. The children will continue to use rekenreks which are bead frames shown in the illustration. Using these regularly helps them to develop their understanding and fluency of numbers within 20.

English

In English we have already enjoyed reading, performing, and writing poems. We have also been reading and discussing the book *'There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom'* by James Sellick and Fran Preston-Gannon. This powerful story was written in collaboration with Greenpeace. We will also be exploring the books *'And Tango Makes Three'*, *'The Lion Inside'*, *'The Hare and the Tortoise'* and *'The Proudest Blue'*.

Later in the term we will write informal letters, poetry on a theme and explore instructional writing.



Art, History, Geography and Science

The children will use materials from nature to make 3D art, collage and painted pieces inspired by the outside world. In history, the children will be exploring the history of the seaside and comparing what it was like in the past to the present day. For geography, the children will learn about rural and urban areas including their own town. They will go on a local walk around their immediate environment. In science the children will continue to learn about seasons, identifying the features of summer.

Equipment

Please could you ensure that your child has the following equipment clearly named in school:

- Book bag.
- Indoor and outdoor P.E. kit.
- An apron. Please ensure that your child's apron has sleeves and fits them.
- A named bottle with water in it to keep in the classroom. We do not have water fountains inside school so please top up daily.



P.E. and Games

P.E. will be taught on a Monday and Thursday. They are both outdoor sessions. Please ensure your child brings in a named P.E. kit including some trainers for outside. We also ask that earrings are not worn on these days and long hair is tied back. Please could you also pack some extra socks if your child wears tights.

Homework

Reading- Books are changed on Monday and Friday. Reading at home is immensely beneficial to your child's progress across all subjects. Please note in your child's diary when he/she has read and when his/her books need changing. Thank you for your continued support.

Spellings- This term your child will continue to have a spelling focus taught through our CUSP scheme of work. This is covered in the directed lesson time.

Numbots- Your child has an individual password for Numbots. This is an app on which they can carry out fun activities to develop their mathematical understanding. Weekly certificates are given out on Fridays to celebrate success.

Other learning - Your child will continue to receive a homework book with several different activities. Your child may choose a number of these to complete by the end of each half term. We would love to see the imaginative ways your child has completed them.

If you have any concerns regarding homework, please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs. Collins, Phase leader.



We are here to help!

If you have any concerns, worries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher as soon as these arise. The best way to do this is to speak to the teacher at the end of the school day. If it is urgent, please call the main office and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you to parents who help in school, we really appreciate your support. Please contact your class teacher if you are interested in changing reading books or hearing readers. Every little bit helps!



We need your help.

We really need your help to make the year 1 outside area a beautiful colourful display of flowers. If you have any unwanted large planting pots that you would be happy to loan/give to us or any kind donations of compost and any spare flowering plants, it would be much appreciated. We will be encouraging the children to be keen gardeners and to take responsibility for the upkeep of the flowering displays. Thank you.