

Year 3/4 Newsletter - Autumn 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have thoroughly enjoyed the start of the term with your children and are really pleased with how everyone is settling into their new class.

We thought this would be a good time to share a little more information about the staff within our Team.

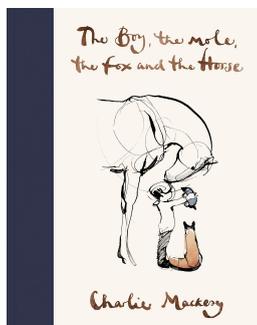
Team Name	Coral (Y3)	Jellyfish (Y3)	Oysters (Y4)	Dolphin (Y4)
Teacher	Mrs Bateson (Phase Leader) Mrs Priestley	Mrs Stonehouse	Mr Lodge	Miss Hawes
Assistant Teachers	Mr Cole, Miss Oxley, Miss Mockridge, Mrs Roach			

On a Wednesday, your child will be taught by Curriculum specialists: Mr Wharfdale (Music), Mrs Ingle (HUB), Mr Jordan (Computing), Miss Collier (PE).

Year 3 PE Days: Wednesday and Friday
Year 4 PE Days: Monday and Wednesday

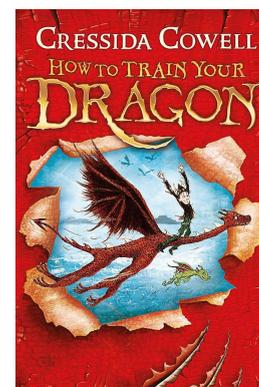
Your child will be expected to wear full PE kit for these sessions

The Curriculum



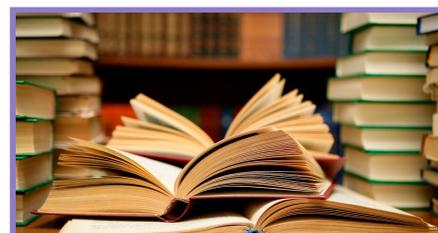
We have begun the term using 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' by Charlie Mackesy. We have used this beautifully written and illustrated text to help support our children's understanding of the importance of mental health and wellbeing, along with the need to take care of ourselves and those around us. We have had daily WEB sessions which place a high priority on the wellbeing of our children.

Later on this term, we will study the Vikings, beginning with Cressida Cowell's 'How to train your dragon'. We will share more about this on our Dojo classrooms and Twitter page.



In maths, we will be working on place value, number bonds, times tables and ensuring that our children can demonstrate their understanding and become more fluent with instant recall facts. Additionally, we will be doing a daily "Braeburn Beat That!" encouraging children to find more efficient mental methods.

Reading remains a high priority in the school; it is important that children read a little every day and discuss their reading with an adult or an older sibling to help develop a wide variety of reading skills. Reading regularly and widely will help to ensure that your child becomes a confident and independent learner. Comments in their reading record will help us to move your children on – which maintains the children's pace of progress and their enthusiasm. We also praise children with dojos for reading at home so make sure they have it written in their reading records. If you have any questions or concerns about supporting your child in these areas then please do come and ask – *we are always here to help.*



Homework

As well as reading at home, children will also receive weekly spelling homework which we encourage you to explore with your children. We complete a spelling



test every week and this counts towards the end of year judgements for writing so it is really important that children practise at every opportunity. We have just joined Spelling Shed, your children will be given logins for this so that they can practise their spellings online too. Remember children have TimesTable RockStars logins so they can practise these at home too! Year 4 will be undertaking the Times Tables check later on in the year, further details of this to follow.



Attendance and Punctuality

In order for all children to achieve their full potential they must be in school every day, on time and ready to learn. We will set the children morning tasks which are an important start to the children's day. This work usually helps to consolidate any skills/knowledge previously learnt whilst also helping children prepare for the day ahead.

P.E

Please check that your child has a full P.E kit including socks, a white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers or plimsolls; everything should have their name on. If your child wears earrings, it is school policy that these are removed for P.E. lessons. Please either teach them to do this themselves or remove them before they come to school that day, as we are not allowed to do it for them. Please also make sure that your child brings a bobble on PE days if they have long hair.

Keep up to date with things going on around the school by accessing the schools twitter page :

@BraeburnPrimary



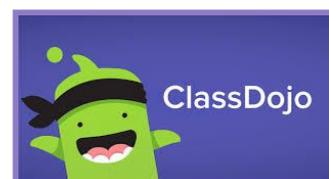
Dinner Money and Packed Lunches

We would appreciate payment via School Money for school dinners (£2.20 per day). However if you prefer to pay by cash or cheque please send dinner money for the week on a Monday morning in an envelope with your child's name on and which days they would like school dinners. Please make sure lunch money is kept up to date and any arrears from last term are paid. If you send your child with a packed lunch please remember **we are a nut free school**, this includes coconut-please check the ingredients.

Behaviour

Thank you for your continued support with our behaviour policy. We will continue to reward the children using dojos; please let us know if you are not receiving dojo alerts and would like more information about how to sign up to receive these. Keep checking it as we add weekly updates of what is happening in school. We also use a traffic light system in the classroom, children are rewarded for WOW moments and we would like to work together to ensure the children don't stray into WOBBLY or UNACCEPTABLE. Should your child find themselves on unacceptable, you will be contacted by a member of staff.

We hope you find the information in this letter helpful and please do let us know if you have any questions.



Best wishes

Mrs Bateson LKS2 Phase Leader