



Braeburn Bulletin

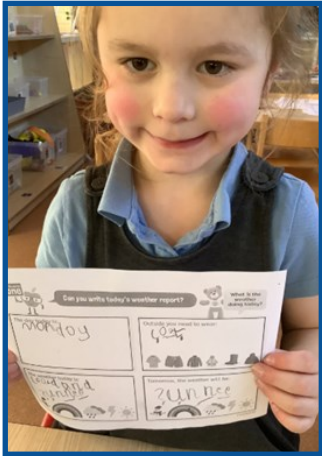
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We've had another very busy term at Braeburn. This week the children in Y1,3,4 and 5 have completed their Spring tests and it is amazing to see the progress they are making. Thank you to the parents who have joined in our family learning activities this half term. There is always such a buzz in the community room during these sessions and it is lovely for the children to have you working alongside them.

Hope you all have an enjoyable half term. Many thanks for your continued support. Miss Jackson and Mrs Chalk

Team Bears have had a wonderful exploration of Winter, both indoors and outdoors. We have connected The Gruffalo's child to our scenes of winter and embedded concepts of cold/freezing, big/little and inside and outside, broadening our understanding of the world. We have introduced foundations for Phonics and made impressive progress producing our first phonetic sounds 's,a,t,p,i,n'. Team Bears speak in chorus and are having fun playing with segmenting and oral blending words. Our 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear, what do you hear' focus developed our listening skills; distinguishing different animal sounds and repeating them verbally. In Maths we have become such independent learners, taking our learning into areas of provision and using resources to deepen our knowledge of the numbers 3, 4 and 5. We can recognise each numeral in isolation, represent each number in lots of different ways and are becoming more confident when counting.



In **Reception** we have been reading Traditional Tales this half term and have used a story circle to act out the roles of each character. We have become storytellers and used our story boxes to unlock our imaginations and create our own stories. We have written invitations, stories, captions and story maps. Each week we have learnt more about the world around us using Picture News and thought about the impact we can have on wildlife and the environment. Through My Happy Mind, we are able to think about our characteristics and talk about what makes us unique. We have started to apply our knowledge of number in Maths and some of us are now writing number sentences independently.

We have had an exciting half-term in **Year 1**. We have designed and made our own hand puppets in DT. In Maths, we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes. We have also been learning about addition and subtraction stories. Our focus book 'Old Bear' gave us many opportunities to practice writing sentences with capital letters, finger spaces, and full stops. We made up our own story ending to rescue Martin the monkey from the attic! Our History focus on toys, was brought to life with a box of old toys from the Scarborough Museum. We loved seeing toys our parents and grandparents would have played with.



We've had a lovely half term in **year 2** learning about planet Earth and different types of habitats. In Art, we have created our own collages and evaluated our work. We have also learnt about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes in Maths.

A very busy half term as writers, creating some fantastic narratives. In history, we have learned about Ancient Egypt and have even made our own mummy! In maths we have secured mental calculation and learned about light and dark in science. Well done **Year 3**, enjoy your break!



What a great half term it has been in **year 4**! We started our first day back (which seems so long ago now!) with a WOW morning to become immersed in our new Romans history topic - with many people's highlight being the Roman army shield formation session. We have enjoyed reading Roman stories and myths, which have inspired us to do some amazing pieces of writing. In Science, we have learned lots about electricity and have recently extended our learning into the real world as we visited the Schneider Electric factory and offices for a tour and workshop. Have a restful break and see you all soon!



Year 5 have had a great half term. We began learning about the book, Hidden Figures, a magnificent story about the space race, equal rights and how perseverance can allow you to achieve their dreams. The children have finished writing a science fiction narrative which they have been highly engaged in.

We have worked a lot with converting different measurements, finding the area of the shape, which they have all found really difficult but they are all working really hard to learn it.

Our topic launch started with the children painting star constellations and then focused on the Earth, the Sun and the moon, asking a question about space, they will be able to answer it.



Year 6 has had a great half-term using the book, Darwin's Dragon by Lindsay Galvin as our inspiration - and we love it! Our lively reading sessions have been designed to get so much more out of the book which feeds into our writing sessions. This has led to a great improvement in what we write, and we are rightly proud!

We have made great strides with our fraction, decimal and percentage work and are now applying our new knowledge to word problems and reasoning - making it real and relevant.

Our half-term started with a topic launch where we explored volcanoes, tectonic plates and earthquakes. We really enjoyed making earthquake-proof buildings and seeing how tectonic plates move using squirty cream and biscuits! Our volcano watercolour pictures are now on display and we have some great geography lessons looking at how volcanoes are formed.

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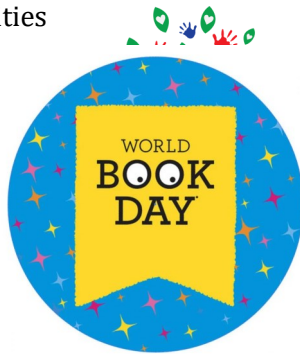
Trips and Visitors

Reception team celebrated National Storytelling Week with our friends at The National Literacy Trust and every child went home with a lovely new book. The Year 5's attended a Anglo-Saxon workshop at the art museum in Scarborough, the children took a passage through time to learn about the clothing, jewellery, artefacts and what Anglo Saxons used to live like. Year 4 also extended their science learning into the real world as they visited the Schneider Electric factory and offices for a tour and workshop.



World Book Day

World Book Day is taking place on **Thursday 6th March 2025**. The children will enjoy a day filled with a range of World Book Day activities and can come to school dressed as either their favourite book character or in their pyjamas with their favourite bed time story. More information will be sent out after half term.



Special Educational Needs Drop In

Mrs Cowling has organised a SEND Drop In clinic on Monday 10th March at 8:45am. She will be available to discuss any concerns or worries or offer further information and support to any questions you may have. Mrs Roach, our speech and language assistant teacher, will also be in attendance.

Please arrive at the main office to sign in.



Sing Education

This half term we have really enjoyed welcoming Sing Education into school. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are receiving weekly music lessons from our music specialist and the children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 are benefiting from the weekly singing assemblies. The school choirs are also now in full action.

