

Broadmayne First School Weekly Reminder

Week Beginning: Monday 13th October 2025



Whole School Reminders:



This week we will be 'flying high' by focusing on the following Learning Attribute:

I can show that I am Respectful by showing Thankfulness

We will get stars in our jar by showing in the following ways:

- Being thankful for people that help us.
- Remembering to say thank you
- Recognising things to be thankful for even when times are difficult.
- Counting your blessings

Heart Smart: Get Heart Smart!

British Value: Mutual Respect

Whole School Reminders

- Year 2 and 4 are off to Thomas Hardye for their Author visit next week.
- On Friday 24th November we will be visiting St Martins Church as part of our Harvest Festival Celebrations. Please see the Year Group section for more information.

Reception

<u>Phonics</u>: In phonics we will be introducing the sounds 'b', 'f' and 'p'. We have introduced the tricky words 'l' and 'is'. You can support your child at home by showing them these tricky words and reinforcing the idea that these aren't words we can segment and blend to read, we just have to learn to recognise them. You could put these up somewhere in your house where your child might see them frequently.

<u>Writing:</u> This week we will be exploring the text 'The Best Diwali Ever'. We will be writing cards as part of our celebrations and within this we will practice our name writing. Please continue to support your child at home by practicing name writing with a capital letter to start and lower case for the other letters.

<u>Maths:</u> As mathematicians, we will be exploring patterns. We will begin by noticing simple 'AB' patterns - E.g red, blue, red, blue. Next we will have a go at continuing and copying patterns. Finally, we will create our own patterns. You can support your child with this at home by using real life objects to create patterns - for example using different coloured lego/duplo bricks.

<u>Topic:</u> As a school we will be celebrating the topic of Autumn and Harvest Festival by visiting our local church on Friday 24th October in the morning. We would greatly appreciate any volunteers who may wish to come along. Please email <u>year-r@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk</u> if you would like to support us.

Things to remember... As the weather becomes increasingly unsettled please ensure your child arrives at school with a named coat every day. This will allow them to access all areas of learning regardless of the weather and may make play and lunch times more enjoyable for them.

Year 1:

On the morning of Friday 24th October, we will be walking down to the church for our harvest service. We would like parent volunteers to help us please. If you would like to volunteer, please email me via the Year 1 email.

In addition, we would also like contributions for a harvest hamper. Firstly, does anyone have an empty hamper or basket they could donate?! Secondly, our theme is 'dinner time'. Please could you contribute tinned or dried goods along this theme? All donations will be on display in church and then sent to the charity, Dorchester Poverty Action. Thank you!!

Here is what we will be getting up to next week:

English: We will continue our unit on poetry by learning how to read with expression. Through this, we will learn that the exclamation mark helps us to know when to read with expression. We will put our best 'acting' voices on by performing poetry and enjoy writing some rhyming lines of our own. We will end the week by linking our Science learning on senses to our poetry when we write our own dinosaur senses poem!!

We are learning to spell: these, friend, ask, asked

Phonics: CCCVCC words

Spr: sprig, sprint, spring, sprain, spree, sprang Scr: scrubs, screech, script scraps, screen Spl: splat, split, splash, splint, spleen, splits

Maths: Our focus this week is upon our number bonds to 10. We are continuing to learn about addition and will end the week by solving addition problems.

Science: Last week we enjoyed our taste test and this week we will focus upon the sense of touch.

History: We are exploring why toys have changed over time.

Art: We will be introduced to the colour wheel and to colour mixing.

PE: Pilates.

Things to remember

• Please could you help your child to be more independent when getting changed. This will help them to become more independent in school.

Year 2

On the morning of Friday 24th October, our school will be walking down to the church for our harvest service. We would like parent volunteers to help us please. If you would like to volunteer, please email us via the Year 2 email address.

We would also appreciate contributions for a harvest hamper. Our class theme is 'lunch and snacks'. Please could you contribute an item linked to this theme? Donations can include items such as; tinned soup, tinned fruit or custard, jars of sandwich spreads, dried fruit packs, crisps, tea, coffee or hot chocolate. All donations will be on display in church and then sent to the charity, Dorchester Poverty Action.

Our upcoming learning:

<u>Maths:</u> Year 2 are continuing our learning on addition and subtraction. Our focus this week is on subtraction.

<u>English</u>: This week in English, we will be working on planning and writing an alternative ending to our class text 'The Lonely Beast'. The children will have the opportunity to use their imagination to think about what might happen next in the story and how they would like it to end. We will also be focusing on using the grammar and punctuation skills we have been practising so far this year, including capital letters, full stops, the conjunction 'and' and expanded noun phrases to make our writing more detailed and interesting. We are looking forward to seeing the creative ideas the children come up with!

<u>Heartsmart</u>: In our PSHE learning, the children will be thinking about the 5 food groups and categorising these into 'healthy' and 'unhealthy'.

We are learning to spell: both, path

<u>Geography:</u> Whilst exploring our topic theme of 'journeys', the children will continue to develop their locational knowledge by using atlases and songs to remember the seven continents of the world. To challenge them further, we will be developing our understanding of the difference between seas and oceans.

<u>Science:</u> In our unit 'animals including humans' the children have developed their understanding of the 7 life processes of all living things with the acronym 'MRS GREN'. This week, the children in year 2 will be reviewing all of their knowledge so far.

Reminders:

Thank you to all the families that have been reading continuously at home, it is so important that we are consolidating our phonic and wider vocabulary knowledge at home as well as in school. We have been able to give out lots of '25 reads' certificates this week which the children were very proud of earning. We collect your child's books on Monday and Thursday so please ensure that your child brings their yellow reading record so that we can count their reads.

Year 3

Weekly news: On the morning of Friday 24th October, we will be walking down to the church for our harvest service. We would like parent volunteers to help us please. If you would like to volunteer, please email us via the Year 3 email address.

In addition, we would also like some non-perishable contributions for a harvest hamper. Our theme is 'lunch'. Please could you contribute an item linked to this theme? Donations can include items such as; tinned soup, corned beef, noodle pots etc. All donations will be on display in church and then sent to the charity, Dorchester Poverty Action. Thank you!!

Our learning this week -

Maths: We will be adding and subtracting two numbers firstly without the need to exchange. Then we will be crossing tens and hundreds.

English: We will be reviewing our learning so far. Then we will be starting a new book 'The Pebble in my Pocket'. Our word level focus will start on adjectives then move on to verbs and prepositions. We will be looking at the features of different forms of poetry.

<u>We are learning to spell:</u> We are learning how to spell common exception words with a split digraph - arrive, believe, complete, describe, exercise, extreme, guide, separate, suppose, surprise

Science: We will be looking at how light helps us see.

Heartsmart: We will be focusing on what is healthy and unhealthy for us in our session 'Full or Empty'.

Geography: We will be creating leaflets about a chosen place in Dorset.

PE: PE will be on Monday and Friday as before. Please ensure that the children have a named PE kit including footwear (plimsolls or trainers) in school on these days.

Reminders: Reading books will be collected in on Tuesdays and Fridays and library books can be changed on Mondays. Previous books must be returned in order to choose a new book. As the weather becomes increasingly unsettled please ensure your child arrives at school with a named coat every day. This will allow them to access all areas of learning regardless of the weather and may make play and lunch times more enjoyable for them.

Year 4

On the morning of Friday 24th October, we will be walking down to the church for our harvest

service. We would like parent volunteers to help us please. If you would like to volunteer, please email us via the Year 4 email address.

In addition, we would also like contributions for a harvest hamper. Our theme is 'toiletries and household goods'. Please could you contribute an item linked to this theme? Donations can include items such as; toothpaste, shower gel, soap, flannels, tooth brushes, bath bombs, shampoo, cleaning products etc. All donations will be on display in church and then sent to the charity, Dorchester Poverty Action. Thank you!!

English: In English next week we will be completing the final draft of their non-chronological reports about the rainforests.

We are learning to spell: break, eighth, eight, famous, favourite

<u>Maths:</u> The children have made an excellent start on our addition and subtraction unit of learning. Next week the children will be learning how to subtract two 4-digit numbers with and without exchanges. We are teaching the children to use the column method for addition and subtraction. Alongside this we are using place value charts and counters so the children can physically move the place value counters to help the learning stick.

<u>History:</u> In History next week we will continue our learning on the Maya writing and number systems. This week the children learned about Maya. The children were interested to learn that Maya writing contains symbols and even had a go at creating their own hidden messages for their friends to decode using an invented writing system. Next week we will be diving into the number system used by Maya people and comparing this to our modern day systems.

<u>DT:</u> In DT/Art we will be continuing to build up the 3D element of our Mayan mask. Any newspaper donations welcome.

<u>PE:</u> Our P.E sessions will continue on Tuesday and Friday next week. On Tuesday the children will be continuing to develop their understanding of attack and defence within a team game.

<u>Music:</u> In music next week we will be continuing our topic on film music. The children will be learning about how music can enhance the action happening on screen.

<u>Computing:</u> In computing we will be learning more about websites on the internet. The children will be considering the key question: 'What is a website?'. As part of our learning we will be considering the pros and cons of anyone being able to add content to the internet and the implications this may have.

Reminders:

We are so proud of all of the children this half term and are amazed at how well they have settled into the rhythm of Year 4. However, we are noticing an increase in the number of children that are needing to be reminded of the importance of listening carefully to adults during the school day.

We would appreciate your support in reminding your children of the importance of listening and acting first time when an instruction has been given.

We are teaching the children that 'lovely listening and luscious looking = lightbulb learning'. We would be so grateful if you could help us to deliver this message to the children.

As always, thank you for your continued support :)