Broadmayne First School Weekly Reminder

Week Beginning: Monday 9th November 2026



Whole School Reminders:



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

We are **Kind** when we show **Compassion**

We will get dojos by showing:

- Noticing a need
- Being a good neighbour
- Putting on the right attitude
- Having the courage to care

Heart Smart: Don't Forget to Let Love In
British Value: Mutual respect - being sympathetic to others, listening and offering help

Whole School Reminders

- **School Photo day - Monday 9th November**
- Friday 13th is Children In Need day. The children are invited to wear something spotty in return for a donation of £1. Please make your donation payments via School Money. Thank you.

Nursery

Squirrels: This week, the Squirrels have had an explosive amount of fun engaging in all sorts of firework-themed activities! They started off by getting creative and brightening up the room with colorful, dazzling firework pictures. The excitement continued as they learned and sang a lively firework song to celebrate the occasion with plenty of noise and enthusiasm. To cap off a fantastic week, the children enjoyed a sweet treat by decorating and icing their very own delicious firework-themed biscuits.

Owls:

Our Owls have had a fabulous start back and have all settled in brilliantly! This week we have been super creative, crafting dazzling fireworks using pipe cleaners, wool, and beads. For our giant indoor bonfire project, the children went on an exciting nature adventure in our garden to collect real logs, sticks, and leaves, bringing our display to life with vibrant tissue paper, shredded textures, and glowing fairy lights. We also sang a fun shop song about buying fireworks with real money, while learning key safety rules for Bonfire Night—including learning all about firefighters, how to dial 999 in an emergency, what to say, and practicing our home addresses. Alongside our firework fun, we've been exploring numbers 1–5 in and out of sequence through interactive games and songs, experimenting with color mixing, discovering the star shape, and even baking delicious cakes!

Reception

The children have had a great first week back together, we are very proud of how they have embraced new learning challenges!

Phonics: In Phonics we will revisit set 2 sounds. During parents evening appointments you will receive information on your child's next steps. Please continue supporting at home.

Writing: As writers, we will read the story ' The Best Diwali Ever' and learn about how Diwali is celebrated. We will compare and contrast this to celebrations we have in our lives.

Maths: As mathematicians, we will be focusing on comparison. Children will be encouraged to compare the number of objects in 2 sets by matching them 1:1. Seeing that objects in some sets can be matched without any being left over will draw the children's attention to instances when the quantities of objects are equal. Language is a key focus and we will model the language of 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'an equal number' to describe how many objects there are in each set.

Topic: Our topic is 'Let's Celebrate' - this week we will focus on Remembrance.

Trips: On the 24th of November we will be going to a local church for a Christmas through the trees event. We will be creating decorations for a tree there and will listen to a Christmas story. We warmly welcome volunteers for this trip as we will walk there and back. Unfortunately, this is not suitable for younger siblings. Please email year-r@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk if you can help :)

Things to remember...

- Please continue to read with your child, we will change books twice a week.

- As the weather becomes increasingly Autumnal we would recommend popping a spare pair of socks into your child's bag, particularly if you know they like to get wet.

Year 1 Our topic is Poles Apart!!

A plea for our geography learning - Please can you collect egg boxes, cereal boxes and toilet rolls!
A plea for our science learning! - Please can you bring in natural objects which could help your child build a hibernation den. We will be doing this in class so the dens will be small! Twigs, dry leaves, pine cones, acorns, shoe boxes, toilet rolls, egg boxes, straw, pebbles, dry leaves....

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

English: This week we will focus upon writing questions. We will be writing questions and using question marks to punctuate our sentences.

Dictation: What is he going to do?

Guided Reading: Our subject is hibernation as it links to our Science learning. We will send the passage home for your child to read to you.

Phonics: We embark upon our journey into Phase 5!
Monday - ay
Tuesday - ea
Wednesday - ie
Thursday - oe
Friday - ue

Sound of the Day!
Monday - oo as in book
Tuesday - oo as in zoom
Wednesday - ur
Thursday - ng
Friday - igh

Maths: We continue our work on subtraction this week.

Science: This week we focus upon Autumn and the changes it brings. We learn that the days get shorter, the weather changes, that this affects plants and some animals hibernate. We would like this learning to be practical and will be building little hibernation dens - please see our plea above for some materials to bring in and share!

In addition to our learning, we will be preparing decorations for our tree which will be displayed as part of 'Christmas Through the Trees'. This is a church initiative and will take place at the end of November.

PE: We will be playing football on Tuesdays. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school as we sent them home to wash last half term. For football, we will be outside so your child will need

tracksuit trousers and a long sleeved top to keep warm. Please can they also put trainers in too. On Thursdays, we will be dancing. This will take place inside. A school PE kit consisting of shorts and tee shirts will be needed here.

Trips: On Thursday 26th November we will be going to a local church for a Christmas Through the Trees event. We will be creating decorations for a tree which will be collected during the week previous to the event. We warmly welcome volunteers for this trip as we will walk there and back. Unfortunately, this is not suitable for younger siblings. Please email year1@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk if you can help. We will leave school at around 9.10am and be back at about 10.45.

Things to remember

- **Outside PE kit for Tuesdays. Inside PE kit for Thursdays.**
- **A coat!**
- **A water bottle**
- **Please read with your child daily. We change books on Mondays and Thursdays**
- **Home Activity! This will consist of spellings, a geography activity and a reading activity from our Guided Reading activities from this week.**

Year 2

Our year 2 topic for this half term is: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Children in need is Friday 13th, please can all children wear something spotty in return for a donation of £1 that can be paid via school money.

A glimpse of our upcoming learning:

Maths:
This week we will be working on some missing number problems and thinking about inverse operations. Towards the end of the week, we will be completing our end of unit assessment.

English:
Year 2 are diving into the book *George Saves the World by Lunchtime*! We've been making predictions about what the story might be about and searching the cover for clues. Lots of our ideas connect to our exciting new topic — *Reuse, Reduce, and Recycle!*

We are learning to spell: everybody

History:
Year 2 will be writing our own poems inspired by Remembrance. Together, we'll think about what makes an event or person significant and why it's important for us to reflect and learn from the past.

Science:
In our next Science lesson, the children will step into the role of engineers as they perform simple tests to discover which materials are best suited for different jobs! Building on what we learned about material properties in our last lesson (like strength and weight), we will focus on testing

and solving a big question: Which material makes the strongest bridge?

P.E:
Monday - (Outdoors) - Football
Wednesday - (Indoors) - Dance
Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for our outside weather heading into a cold winter!

Reminders:

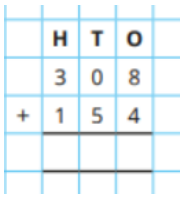
Parents evenings dates: Wednesday 18th.

- As well as discussing your child's progress, you will receive a login for Anton the digital learning platform, a TTRS account login, Year 2 spelling list and their phonics data.
- We will be visiting the library on Fridays this half term, please ensure books are returned on Fridays so that your child can take their new book home.
- Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled.

Year 3

We enjoyed our time in the forest this week and we are looking forward to our next session. Children in need is Friday 13th, please can all children wear something spotty in return for a donation of £1 that can be paid via school money. Thank you

Our learning this week -



Maths: We are developing our use of the column method in Maths. This week we will be looking at crossing tens and hundreds in addition and subtraction.

English: We will be continuing our new book 'A Pebble in my Pocket'. We will continue to focus on different forms of poetry and using powerful verbs and prepositions.

We are learning to spell: We will be exploring the /k/ sound spelt with a /ch/ in spellings this week. The words are - **character, chemist. Chorus, Christmas, school, anchor, architect, mechanic, orchid,** and **orchestra.** We will be introducing the word **'archaeologist'** with a focus on its meaning, into our topic work as well. We will be focusing on the spelling pattern this week.

Science: We will be continuing our topic of light. This week we will be looking at reflective materials to find out which materials reflect the most light.

Heartsmart: We will be continuing our new focus - **Don't forget to let love in!** This week we are thinking about how we can compliment others and how to accept compliments from others.

History: This week we discussed what we know already and thought about some things that we would like to find out about. Next week we will begin looking at the three periods of The Stone Age and how their homes changed with the way of life.

PE: PE will be on a Wednesday and Friday this half term. Wednesday's session will be in the hall and Friday's session will be outside (weather permitting). Please ensure that the children have a

named PE kit in school and suitable footwear for indoor and outdoor PE.

Reminders:

- **Inside PE kit for Wednesdays. Outside PE kit for Fridays.**
- **A coat!**
- Please send your child in with wellies/walking boots and a coat for Forest School on Thursdays. Trainers are not suitable, as even if it hasn't been raining the grass is wet and the children's feet get wet. If this is a problem, please get in touch and we will endeavour to help source said items for your child, as we want them to enjoy their forest school experience whilst remaining warm and dry.

Year 4

The children have returned to school bright eyed and bushy tailed. They have all worked incredibly hard this week and settled back into the routine of school well.

English: In English next week we will continue our learning on our new focus book 'Rhythm of the Rain.' The children will be writing complex sentences next week to add more detail to our writing. The children will then go on to explore adverbs of possibility and adverbs of degree.

We are learning to spell: **continuation, conversation, information, magnification, qualification**

Maths: In maths we will be completing our unit on addition and subtraction and doing our end of unit assessment. The children have been working really hard at the borrowing from other columns

Science: We will be beginning our Science topic on Sound this week. In our Science lesson we will identify how sounds are made. We will be applying this knowledge by moving around the school identifying different sounds we hear in those areas and why some areas of the school may be louder or quieter than others.

Geography: We will continue to look at our topic on 'rivers' this week.

Computing: In our new computing unit we will be learning about audio production. As part of this unit the children will be learning to record and edit sounds to eventually plan and create their own podcasts.

ART: In art this week we are making our Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus peg dolls for us to take down to the church on 26th November.

PE: Our P.E days are Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit in school for both inside and outside P.E lessons. **Your child must have their P.E kit in school on P.E days.**

Reminders:

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Don't forget we have parent consultation meetings on Wednesday 18th November. We will be

discussing how your child has settled into Year 4.

Your child will take part in the Multiplication Check in June 2027. This is an online multiplication check that takes place in school and all children will take part in. More information will follow closer to the time, but in the meantime, please continue to practise multiplication facts with your child at home. This should include all times tables from 1 - 12.