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

- Wednesday 18th - 15:30-18:00 - Parents evening
- Friday 20th - Non School uniform day - Christmas Fayre Donations

Nursery

Squirrells

This week we have been looking at Diwali and Remembrance. We have also used mark making to create Rangoli patterns and Poppies. We were very proud of the Squirrells who joined in the two minute silence on 11/11/26 and all sat beautifully.

Owls

A week full of poppies for our Owls; we have made poppy wreaths, large art from potato prints and listened to the last post whilst saluting in silence and reflecting.
Diwali has also been explored; making lamps full of sparkles and gold with candles. We have also made sparklers with French sticks and sprinkles.
This week our book is Stickmans, our shape is oval and our number is one.

Reception

Well done Acorns, we had a very busy week last week with lots of different events. The children displayed superb resilience and we were particularly proud of how they stood quietly for our Remembrance. Keep Flying High, everyone!

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, focussing on your child's specific sounds.

Writing: As writers, we will read the story 'Mog's Birthday'. We will write labels and shopping lists for birthday parties.

Maths: As mathematicians, we continue to focus on composition of numbers 3, 4 and 5.

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

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

We would love some volunteers to help us with our forthcoming trip to the church on Thursday morning, 26th November. If you are able to assist us, please let the Office know by email. Thank you.
Thank you also for all the 'everyday' items you have been bringing in to help us with our 'creating'. They will be used over the weeks. Thank you.

Next week's learning:

Phonics:
We are starting to learn about the split digraphs a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e. u-e

Sound of the Day:
We have a sound of the day in order to remember our phonics from Phase 3.
This week our sounds are:
Monday - z
Tuesday - ow
Wednesday - er
Thursday - ear
Friday - air

Whole Class Guided Reading:

The passage will be attached to your child's home activity and spellings.

English:
We are all grammatical!! We are answering the questions - What is a noun? What is a proper noun? What is a verb? What is an adjective?

Maths:
We are learning about 3 and 2 D shapes.

PE:
Tuesday - football outside. Please dress warmly!
Thursday - Dance - inside.

Nativity!
This week we will be starting to learn our nativity songs with Reception!

Reminders:

- **Please bring a water bottle and a coat to school.**

Year 2

Volunteers wanted!

Year 2 is walking to the church on Tuesday 24th November at 11am, for our Christmas through the trees activity. If you are able to support us with this trip, please get in touch by emailing the school office.

A glimpse of our upcoming learning:

Maths:
This week, we are starting our new unit on shapes. We will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes. We will begin by identifying their name and their shape properties, i.e how many sides, vertices, faces.

English:
We now know the conjunctions: 'and', 'but' and 'or'. We are going to be linking our understanding of writing different sentence types (command, question, statement, exclamatory) and our book: George saves the world by lunchtime. The children will be sorting factual information and creating posters.

History:
To continue our work of 'Significant individuals and events', the children will be introduced to significant explorers such as: Christopher Columbus, Neil Armstrong, Amelia Earhart and the Wright brothers.

Phonics:
We are looking at the alternative spellings for 'ow' and 'ie'.

Spelling: everyone

PE:
Dance (Wednesday), Football (Monday).
In dance, we are exploring how vehicles and machinery move, linking this to our topic: reduce, reuse, recycle.
In football, the children will be learning how to dribble and pass the ball.

Things to remember:

- Please remember to bring PE kits in to school so all children are ready for their lessons.
- Continue to read every day at home please, they continue to earn certificates for every 25 reads and is invaluable to their overall learning and independence.
- If you have had parents' evening, your child has been assigned their 2 times tables.

Year 3

We enjoyed our time in the forest this week especially as the sun was out and we are looking forward to our next session.

Trips: On the 25th 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. We will be leaving just after 9 and aim to be back at 10:45ish. Please let me know if you are able to help.

Our learning this week -

Maths: We are developing our use of the column method in Maths. This week we will be consolidating our understanding of crossing tens and hundreds in subtraction, before looking at how we can use the inverse to check our calculations.

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. This week we will bring some actions into our work to develop our understanding and enhance our performance.

We are learning to spell: We will be exploring the /sh/ sound made with a /ch/ spelling. It is important that the children know what these words mean and can put them in a sentence that makes sense. The words are **chalet, chef, chute, Chicago, chandelier, brochure, machine, moustache** and **parachute**.

Science: We will be rounding up our topic of light. We will review our learning about light and revisit any areas as needed.

Heartsmart: We will be continuing our new focus - **Don't forget to let love in!** This week we are learning to recognise how we know when someone is being kind and respectful, and how we know when something doesn't feel loving or safe.

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 continue looking at Stone Age homes with a focus on Skara Brae.

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.
- I will be sending out some spellings this week (these are tailored to the children), and some reading which we have been working on in class. Please can the children practise these at home and apply their best handwriting when practising the spellings.

Year 4

A glimpse of our upcoming learning:

Spelling words: climb, friend, heart, island, length

Maths:

English: In English this week we will be continuing our learning on our book 'The Rhythm of the Rain.' We will be learning all about rhetorical questions. The children will be sorting questions that require answers from questions that share a thought or a feeling. The children will then move on to learning about how to vary sentence lengths to achieve a particular effect within writing.

Geography: In Geography we will be learning about the difference between freshwater and salt water. The children will be investigating how to recognise saltwater from freshwater by carrying out a simple experiment.

Science: In Science, the children will be explaining how vibrations affect volume.

PE: In P.E on Monday we will be continuing our dance unit of learning. On Friday, we will be continuing our football topic.