

BRANTRIDGE BULLETIN



Friday, 22nd January,
2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

First of all I would like to thank you all for your continued support and flexibility around the availability of places in school on any given day due to staffing constraints. If we cannot accommodate your child on a particular day remote learning is constantly available through [Google classroom](#), [Readingeggs](#) and [Sumdog](#). Each week Mrs Kelly is calling all parents whose children are at home. If you are having any difficulties with accessing anything please let her know, but you don't have to wait for her call please contact the school office or their class teacher and we will support you as quickly as possible.

Starting today our pupils are taking part in the Sumdog West-Sussex competition. Sumdog is an online learning tool which provides personalised maths and spelling practice that children love. It adapts questions to each child, using engaging games to build their confidence, and it's been shown to accelerate progress. Sumdog can be accessed on a computer, mobile or tablet. Go to www.sumdog.com or download the free Sumdog app which is available on Apple or Android. You should have received your child's log in information from their class teacher, if not please get in touch.

Sumdog's free maths contests are a fun way to motivate pupils, as they get to compete against other classes, locally or nationally. Each contest runs from 8am on a Friday to 8pm the following Thursday - but you can play at any time during this period. Scores are based on accuracy, and questions tailored to each pupil's level - so everyone has a fair chance. There are virtual rewards for taking part and certificates and prizes for the winners. Please do encourage your child to take part, the results are updated live and we have already had a child place in the top 16 students in West-Sussex today.

You may have seen in the media that testing for primary school staff in being rolled out across the country, we are included in this. We are awaiting the delivery of the tests and then we can begin the testing twice per week. These lateral flow tests provide a result within 30 minutes, although a positive result has to be followed up with a full PCR test. At the moment this is just for the staff, it has not been recommended for primary aged pupils yet; however this could change and we will inform you of developments as they occur.

Yours sincerely,

Danielle Harry

Mercury

This week in English we have been studying informal letters, we wrote our own to a friend about our last birthday and what we would like to do for our next birthday. In maths we have been learning about column methods for addition and subtraction. In Science this week we have looked at forces and completed an experiment to see how a balloon can be pushed by the force of air. For cooking we learnt how to safely use a frying pan making a tasty omelette. For P.E we have been keeping active by playing dodgeball. For our stem topic we looked at past inventions, we then designed our own and created the invention using recycled items. We invented a cat toy, a piano and a old printer.



Saturn

The Gingerbread man story has inspired our learning this week. We have used the story to help us find facts on the animals in the story and identify the baby names and which are omnivores, carnivores and herbivores. On the carnivore and herbivore theme, some of us made dinosaur dioramas. We also changed the ending of our story, we had some great ideas. In one story the Gingerbread man made it to the other side of the river, we all thought he was safe, but just then a meteor struck and that was the end of him! In another version, a bald eagle, a megalodon and a panda were fighting over the Gingerbread man and of course the megalodon won! We also made a design plan of a trap to capture the Gingerbread man. We used the design to help us write a list of materials we would need to make our traps. Of course, in food tech we couldn't resist the opportunity to make our own gingerbread. In maths we used different sized gingerbread men to order shortest to tallest and compared them using $<$ $>$ symbols.

Pluto

This week "On-Site Pluto" have enjoyed hearing the story of The Iron Man (Ted Hughes) in English and learning how to provide written instructions. In Maths we have been working hard on our individual number topics with some great results. In science we have been learning about healthy eating and made a delicious vitamin packed smoothie in science this week.

We have been physically active (within lockdown rules) and have been learning table tennis, and frisbee golf. We have also been doing the "morning mile" and our total class mileage stand at 18 miles this week. Harry has taken Olympic running gold for Pluto by running for 1 kilometre non-stop!



A delicious smoothie awaited the chefs of Pluto class.

Mars

This week in Mars class we have been busy researching our chosen animals for our animal documentaries that we are planning to make next week. In maths we have been learning to divide 4 digits by 1 digit using the bus stop method. As part of our STEM topic we made bridges out of spaghetti, working as a team to strengthen and stabilise our structures. For this we learned that using a few pieces together made the structure stronger, we also used tape and elastic bands to join the pieces. To test it we used a variety of different weights to see how strong it was.

In food tech this week we made guacamole, salsa and nachos. We got to practice safe knife skills with lots of careful chopping and measuring. We really enjoyed this and got to take some home to share with our families.

We went out on a woodland walk and took bird seed to feed the duck with- they seemed very happy to see us!

In science we learned about arctic animals and how they keep warm, then we designed houses, thinking about insulation, renewable energy and warmth, after this we thought about how penguins they keep their eggs warm and how they move around. Next we tried out walking like a penguin while holding a rugby ball egg on our feet!



Galaxy:

Galaxy have continued to show resilience and positivity in the tasks and activities that they are presented with. As always, a busy schedule in Galaxy with long walks which give the boys a great outlet and alternative to the learning in the school environment. This is proving to be popular, with great uptake and excitement by the boys. Engagement in academic tasks like spellings, timetables and reading have been really positive. Galaxy have also participated in fun science about equal and opposite reactins and Newtons first law.

We hope that this engagement and excitement in learning will continue into the coming weeks. Well done Galaxy!

Neptune

Neptune have been busy this week making potions in English for writing instructions, In maths we've been finding the times table answers around the class and learning short multiplication.

The K'nex has been popular with STEM projects making wheelbarrows and scissors as levers.

In Geogaphy we have been looking at UK rivers and finding information as to which town they are situated near

We have also joined the West Sussex Sum Dog challenge to try and get Brantridge into the top 10 schools

We've also enjoyed outdoor learning, a stream walk, table tennis and food tech

Titan

A busy week in Titan class, as always! We have started a new topic in Maths - fractions - and the children took on the challenge rather well, considering most of them were scared of fractions. The focus was hundredths to begin with, and the children did very well. In English, we focused on narrative - describing - for which the children used a picture that showed an inventor's house and they came up with some amazing adjectives and different sentence starters for their writing.

In PSHCE we looked at the importance of sleep and rest for our bodies and there were some interesting sleeping routines that the children came up with!

In Geography the children had to research rivers of the world and find information on their source, the mouth, countries they flow through and how long they are.





LUNCH Menu

25th January 2021

DID YOU KNOW? We use Free Range Eggs & MSC Fish!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Everyday
Main	Meat Free Monday Pasta Bolognaise (veggie Mince)	Beef And Vegetable Stew	Batter Cod & Chips	Montego Pork	Cheese Burger Or Bacon in a Bap	Salad Bar Jacket Potatoes
And to go with	Sweetcorn	Mash Potato	Peas Bake Beans	Braised Caribbean Rice	Chips	Jelly Yoghurt Cut Fruit
Pudding	Strawberry Yoghurt	Rice Pudding	Arctic Roll	Medley of Melon	Choc Ice	
Supper						

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