

BRANTRIDGE BULLETIN



Friday 22nd, October 2021.

Dates for your diary:

- Half Term: 25th - 29th October 2021
- INSET Day: 22nd November 2021
- Last day of term: 17th December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I wanted to draw attention to the fact that in recent weeks we are having a number of children mentioning things they have watched on films or online in various ways that are inappropriate for children of a primary school age. The impact this some of their language and actions are greatly concerning.

I am aware that sometimes these things can be difficult to monitor, however we feel very strongly that real care needs to be taken to protect our children from material that is damaging to them. Please can you ensure that all devices that your child uses has appropriate 'blocks' and parental controls in place. We are very happy should you want to contact us for support with installing these measures on various devices you have.

It is vital that we work together to protect our children in these ways.

I would also like to remind you of the Zoom presentation that Miss Danielle Harry is leading on using Tapestry on Monday, 1st November at 4.30pm. If you are unclear what this is about please refer to last week's Bulletin, but we believe that this will tool will enable you as parents and us a s staff to work closer together in supporting your child's learning.

As today is the last day of this half term, can I take this opportunity to thank you for your support since the start of term. It makes a huge difference to us as a school.

I hope you have a good break next week and we look to welcoming your child back on Monday, 1st November.

Yours sincerely,

Dafydd Roberts.

Mercury

Mercury have had a much improved week this week.

During our reading lessons, pupils have continued to read independently whilst some were supported. Interactive games (reading eggs) have been played and the boys have been practicing their phonics/spelling skills. A place has been changed in the classroom area and a new reading area has been introduced to encourage the students to read and feel comfortable when reading.

In English, we have started new work in English currently on an animated movie 'rock, paper, scissors' and pupils are answering questions based on this animated film to develop their interpretation and writing skills. Mercury have been really interested in this topic. The boys have also been completing tasks from the book that we read as a class 'The BFG' during our English lessons.

Pupils have been working on invertebrates and vertebrates in animals, they have understood what the two terms mean and have been completing tasks that have been practical within this topic.

As a reward on Monday this week, pupils had baked chocolate orange Jack-O-Lanterns whilst designing their own cool little pumpkins. Mercury have been making preparations to carve their own individual pumpkins on Friday for a reward and to get ready for the Halloween spirit.

Have a spooky half term, Mercury!

Galaxy:

Another wonderful week in Galaxy. I continue to be utterly impressed with the engagement, focus and effort put in to the learning when joining other classes. The emotional resilience needed to face a new setting with new pupils with lots of noise and lots of people is huge, and Galaxy boys are dealing with it superbly. I look forward to developing this side of their learning further and giving them more opportunities to be involved in learning around the school. We continue to explore different habitats, trying to identify who or what animals compete with each other in certain environments. These numerous. Thought provoking discussions and research opportunities have led us to learning about the Gray Monitor that lives in the Gobi desert as well as the Philippine eagle. A fun and progressive week. Well done boys!

Pluto

In Pluto this week they have been getting in the spirit of Halloween by creating their own monsters and writing adjectives to describe them. Listening to a description of a Halloween character and then drawing what they hear to guess who it was. The Character was Frankenstein and they then watched a cartoon child friendly story of Frankenstein. Once they had watched the story they then had to order the events in the story using pictures. In maths Pluto have been adding using column method, adding mentally using partitioning and bridging method. In Science they enjoyed learning about the different layers of the rainforest and created a Diorama of the Rainforest to display what they had learnt. In Art Pluto learnt that images have a background, middle ground and foreground through the study of Henri Rousseaux's paintings. They then painted the background to their Rousseaux inspired jungle scene. A busy week so I hope Pluto have a restful and fun half term.



Mars

This week in Mars we have worked really hard to uplevel our mental maths skills. Every day we have completed individual challenges using our knowledge and skills to challenge ourselves.

In art on Monday we created fantastically detailed bug fossils using clay to create a mold and then casting in plaster- we compared bugs of the Amazon to local bugs.

We went out for a treasure hunt to identify leaves and trees in the local area- we had lots of fun and great discussions doing this.

For history we learned about food eaten by the Ancient Aztecs, then we held a market stall and after this we created meals which we scored in the style of come dine with me- lots of fun was had by all!



Titan

We have had 7 very busy weeks in Titan and we have finally arrived at half term; it will be a welcomed break for all of us. The pupils in Titan have focused on rainforest theme problem solving this week – as challenging as they may have been, they all tried their best and worked hard to solve them.

In English, the pupils have learned new concepts and they have completed 2 reading comprehension activities – one on spiders – some pupils did not like it as they have a phobia of spiders; however they tried their hardest not to look at photo and another one on My Teacher which was a poem about myself – the pupils thoroughly enjoyed this as it portrayed me and how I behave in class very accurately, which made them all laugh.

We have done PE in the playground, as the weather has been so wet, we have been unable to go the Green, which again was a disappointment for the children but they understood the reasons why.

Lastly, all the children coped very well with the fact that we had to move out of Titan class this morning, due the classroom being flooded and although it caused uncertainty and anxiety, they all did very well accepting that we had to. Hopefully, we will be back in our classroom after half term.

I hope you all have a great week!

Jupiter:

We have had a fun week in Jupiter this week. In Art, we have created our own interpretation paintings/pictures of the Henri Rousseau painting 'Surprise.' We have had fun outside digging holes, looking after our school chickens and collecting their eggs – some of us even picked them up! We booked a session in the library this week and completed activities together as a class to help build up our friendships. In English, we have been putting together our animal fact files where we used the internet to research our chosen creature and collected all the important information. As a class, we have been getting ready for Halloween, cooking our own spooky biscuits which we decorated and ate gleefully! It has been a long half term but we have all worked hard and are looking forward to popcorn and a film tomorrow.

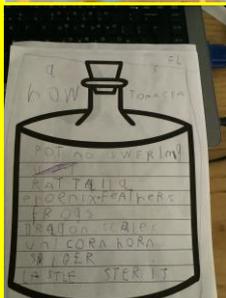
Neptune

Last week of term and although the boys were tired they have still managed to achieve lots. We made a model of the main Aztec city Tenochtitlan. The boys were very impressed with the Aztec's engineering skills, creating floating island gardens and moveable bridges. In maths we have been working on column subtraction with some of the boys moving on to exchanging. This is a tricky concept to take on board, but with the use of lots of practical resources, the boys are starting to grasp it. For English we have worked on creating fact sheets on the jaguar. The boys really enjoyed researching this subject and have enjoyed creating their fact sheet using PowerPoin. In art we are continuing our work on Henri Rousseau and the boys learnt to identify the background, middle ground and foreground in some of his pictures and they then sketched a variety of flowers. The boys really enjoyed our hands on RE lesson this week. We explored a variety of artefacts from some of the major religions. The boys were able to try on some of the clothes and enjoyed using the compass on the prayer mats to make sure they were facing east. In music, we are practising our songs for our visit to Chichester Cathedral.



Saturn

This week we continued our learning of where the wild things are. We then went on to some Halloween inspired stories and created our own potions. We had to write our ingredient list before we gave our potions a go! It was fabulous fun, if a little messy!! The boys have got stuck into gardening in our outside area. They are clearing out a very overgrown raised border as they are keen to do some planting in it. In maths we have been looking at 2d shape and using venn diagrams to sort them. In science we look at differences between animals and babies. We are very proud of our animal clay sculptures, we learned some new techniques on joining clay and how to smooth it down. Have a look at our finished results below!





This week in outdoor learning we have been finding out what pine cones are and which trees they come from we've also gone on a fir tree hunt and discovered that not all pine cones are the same.

With our pine cones we then made pine cone pets inspired by nature.

Some maintenance also took place in the outdoor learning area thanks to boys of Galaxy and some in the Saturn garden area

Donna -Outdoor Learning Leader



Safeguarding update - "Squid Games"

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a large increase in the number of children stating that they have watched or are currently watching "Squid Games". This is a current TV series on Netflix that is rated 15. However, the majority of scenes contain what is described as "extreme violence" and there is current debate suggesting that this should be rated 18. This programme is therefore not suitable for any children who attend our school. Please can you ensure that your child does not have access to this programme and that appropriate filters are applied to internet and individual Netflix accounts? If you would like any support with e-safety or how to apply appropriate filtering, then please contact the school safeguarding team on 01444 400228 or by email on dsl@brantridge-school.co.uk.

Many thanks

Robert Chowns - Designated Safeguard Lead

DINE

WITH MIQUILL

**WEEK
FOUR**

DINE
WITH MIQUILL
Main Meal

DINE
WITH MIQUILL
Vegetarian Meal

Dessert
STOP
Sweet choices

MONDAY

Meat Free Monday

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Vegetable & Mixed Bean
Chilli Con Carne
Rice
Sweetcorn

Yoghurt Bar
Flavoured Yoghurt & Toppings

TUESDAY

Sausage Plait
Pork Sausage Meat
Encrust in Crispy Puff
Parsley New Potatoes & Green Beans

Vegetarian Sausage Plait
Red Lentil & Cheddar
Encrust in Crispy Puff
Parsley New Potatoes & Green Beans

Fresh Fruit Salad
Freshly Cut Seasonal Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Roast Turkey
Roast Turkey Breast
Crispy Roast Potatoes,
Honey Roasted Carrots & Parsnips
Rich Gravy

Veggie Sausages
Vegetarian Sausages
Crispy Roast Potatoes,
Honey Roasted Carrots & Parsnips
Gravy

Bread & Butter Pudding
Vanilla Custard

THURSDAY

Mac "n" Cheese
Classic Macaroni
Cheese with Crispy Bacon & Smoked Paprika
Garlic Bread
Broccoli Florets

Mac "n" Cheese
Classic Macaroni
Cheese with Crispy Onion & Pesto
Garlic Bread
Broccoli Florets

Upside Down Cake
Pineapple Upside down
Cake with Pouring Cream

FRIDAY

Grab & Go
Grilled Sausages
Or
Crispy Bacon
In a Roll
Chunky Chips

Grab & Go
Veggie Sausages
In a Roll
Chunky Chips

Chocolate Brownie

JACKET POTATOES WITH VARIOUS FILLINGS & BAGUETTE/ WRAPS WITH VARIOUS FILLINGS ARE AVAILABLE DAILY.



This menu will commence: 27th September 1st November 29th November