

Friday 5th November, 2021.

Dates for your diary:

- INSET Day: 22nd November 2021
- Christmas lunch: 15th December 2021
- Last day of term: 17th December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Hopefully all of you will now have received a login for Tapestry. If you haven't received an email inviting you to join Tapestry then please check your junk email. If you still haven't received one then please contact d.harry@brantridge-school.co.uk.

We hope that you will all enjoy being able to see your child's learning journey. We would want to encourage all of you to engage with Tapestry by either commenting on your child's learning or by adding your own observations, sharing with us things that you have done at home. Thank you to those parents who joined the Tapestry demonstration session on Monday - there were technical difficulties in recording the session but if anyone wants any help or more information please do get in touch. Some questions that were asked were:

Q: Can both parents have access? A: Both parents/carers can have access and should have been invited to join, again if we have missed anyone please let us know.

Q: Will this replace the reading records that are sent home? A: We are happy for you to continue using the reading records or to switch to recording it on Tapestry.

Q: Will this replace the weekly emails home? A: No we will still send the weekly communication home as this can include other information that isn't captured in Tapestry.

I would like to draw your attention to various new dates that have been agreed recently.

Christmas Lunch: On Wednesday, 15th December we will be having our school Christmas lunch. This is usually a lovely occasion. I particularly want to say to those of you who's child has a packed lunch on other days that they are very welcomed to have Christmas lunch on that day should they want to. Please could you let the school office know by Friday 10th December if your child comes into that category. Your child of course is very welcomed to have their packed lunch as normal and to join in with the festivities. We understand that for some children they won't really be sure what they would like to do until the day itself - again, if you suspect your child will be in this category, please let the school office know by the 10th December. You'll appreciate that we are trying to help our catering team plan whilst accommodating the needs of our pupils.

Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday: You'll be aware that there is an additional Bank Holiday next year on Friday, 3rd June in celebration of the Queen's platinum jubilee. As this date falls within the school holidays, schools have been asked to identify a different day to close in order to celebrate this event. We have decided to have that day on Monday, 6th June 2022. We felt that having it as close as possible to the actual Bank Holiday will help our children's understanding of what the additional 'day off' is all about.

2022-23: We have updated our website to include our dates for the next academic year – September 2022 to July 2023. There you will find not only the dates of our school holidays but also of the INSET days that year.

Yours sincerely,

Dafydd Roberts.

Mercury

Mercury had settled in very nicely after the half term break, pupils were ready to be on their best behaviour and was willing to learn.

This week Mercury focused on improving their comprehension and writing skills, pupils were engaged in short educational films to then answer questions about. In maths, students have gotten themselves familiar with 2D and 3D shapes by participating in engaging activities. Pupils seem to be keen on getting more rewards and are setting goals for themselves in order to be able to come to the trip next week on Tuesday, this has demonstrated positive behaviour and good engagements of focus in lessons. Pupils have also been reading with their reading rulers that support them to read, whilst others interacted with reading eggs. As a class, we have been reading 'The BFG', pupils seem to like this book which allows us to link and focus on curriculum areas for further progress.

Pluto

Pluto have settled in nicely after the half term. This week Pluto have been focusing on comprehension skills in reading . They learnt what a simple sentence is and then created simple sentences for the images from the book we read in class called 'The Runaway Iceburg'. In maths they have been learning counting back strategies for subtraction , these included using number lines , jumping back and base tens. For Science Pluto looked at ways environments can change and how this effects wildlife. In Art they created the middle ground for their 3D painting based on Henri Rousseau.



Mars

What a week we have had in Mars Class! This week we have been out on two amazing trips. On Tuesday we got to go to Fabrica in Brighton to take part in a mark making workshop in the wonderful old converted church. We looked at different objects that were tiny then we drew them onto acetate, Next we looked for patterns in and around the gorgeous old building and copied some of them down, Finally our sketches were placed together and projected onto a huge piece of paper that we then copied using charcoal on sticks to create a large scale collaborative piece, everyone had a great time and we were very proud.

On Wednesday, because our singing trip had to be cancelled due to covid restrictions, we went back to Brighton to visit the museum. All boys engage brilliantly with the interactive pre-history exhibit where we learned about changes in the local area.

In other news, we have been learning about time in maths this week and have written fantastic setting descriptions for an arctic landscape!



Galaxy:

Another busy week had by all. We continue to explore habitats and have been making our own for a range of different animals as well as researching details in encyclopaedias and online. I have been incredibly impressed with some IT skills that have been learned in order to show knowledge and understanding of the location of a number of major mountain ranges across the globe. We also continued with a Halloween focus, making decorations for the rooms as well as finding out what went on under the Houses of Parliament all those years ago. The boys continue to engage extremely positively in reading and the most impressive part of the week has been the positive engagement in learning with other classes! Well done boys.

Jupiter:

In English, Jupiter have watched a small video about the moon coming to visit the earth. This has helped us work on nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs. With all this hard work, Jupiter boys have produced some amazing poems. In maths, place value has still been our focus.

In history, we have started to learn and find out facts about Aztecs in Mexico. We looked at and found artefacts and clues to help us find more information. In food technology, we made our own pizza – starting with the dough all the way to the toppings. In science, we were focusing on vertebrates/invertebrates and other animals groups like mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians.

Well done Jupiter on all your hard work this week!

Titan

We have had a busy first week back in Titan class; we started the week off by going to visit Fabrica – a charity that looks at how you can express art using different ways – where the children got to do mark making and looking at different pieces of art and at the end to try and draw some from memory. The mark making activity got all the children involved in using a stick that had a pen, or charcoal attached to it to draw what the projector showed from their own drawings.

In maths this week we have started learning and revising time using clocks and reading the time accurately to the nearest minute.

In English we looked at verbs, nouns and adjectives and tenses where the children had to match the correct tense to the verb – we looked at present, past and future – as well as coming up with sentences where they had to show the different tenses.

Most of Titan class have started their football training this week in preparation of the football match that will take place in a couple of weeks' time against the local village school St Marks.



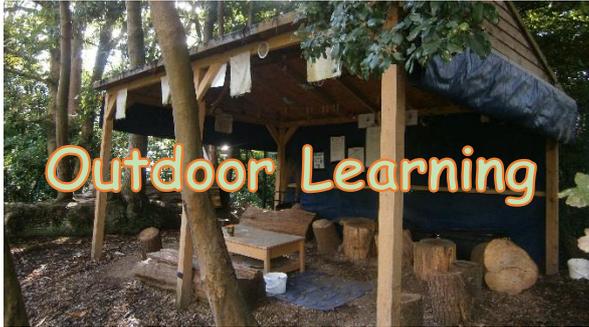
Neptune

First week back and we have had a spooky theme to our English this week. We will be exploring plays and scripts over the next couple of weeks and the boys have been looking at the features of a script and developing ideas for their own plays based on a spooky pumpkin picture. The class brainstorming session was amazing; the boys have had some amazing ideas that we can use for next week's play.

The boys have made some Arctic animals from clay and in outdoor learning they made an edible sparkler. They had a big treat and made chocolate brownies with Tiggy. They are continuing to enjoy their time with Kimi, our therapy dog, he really does bring out the caring side in the boys. Tuesday we got a chance to visit the chickens, the boys have become real experts in picking them up and stroking them.

Saturn

This week in Saturn we have been working through the book *Slowly, Slowly, Slowly Said the Sloth* and recreated our own version through role play. First we began identifying adjectives used to describe the sloth, then went on to write them onto our own bits of card to use on our English display board. We also re-enacted the story, choosing which characters we wanted to be using class masks. We loved doing this! In Maths we have been looking at place value, money and giving change. We made our own shop using items around Saturn classroom and worked together finding out how much change we would receive buying things for under 20p. For Art/Topic we have been painting a large tiger using inspiration from Henri Rousseau 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm'. We have had a really positive week and engaged in some lovely rewards each day for good choices and hard work.



We have been learning all about the firework code as this week we celebrate bonfire night and Diwali. We have also learnt about sparkler safety and then made an edible sparkler using melted chocolate, bread sticks and sprinkles which went down very well with most

The Firework Code

- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions for lighting them very carefully
- Light them at arm's length
- Stand well back
- Never go back to a lit firework
- Never put fireworks in your pocket
- Never throw fireworks

Follow Ben for a safe fireworks night



Don't forget your gloves.

Ben loves fireworks night. To make sure he stays safe every year, he follows the Firework Code.



- Fireworks will scare your pets, so keep them safely indoors.
- If you are given a sparkler, always wear gloves. Always hold sparklers at arm's length and only hold one at a time.
- Never give sparklers to a child under five.
- Only adults should handle and light fireworks.
- When you are watching fireworks, always stand well back.
- When a sparkler goes out, DON'T TOUCH IT! It could still burn you, so put it in a bucket of water, hot and down.
- Never go near a firework when it has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode.
- You have to be 18 years old before you are allowed to buy fireworks in the shops. **Never play with fireworks.** They are dangerous and can hurt you.



DINE

WITH MIQUILL

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-weight: bold; font-size: 2em;">WEEK</div> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-weight: bold; font-size: 3em;">ONE</div>	 <p>Main Meal</p>	<p>Meat Free Monday</p>	<p>Sausage & Mash Pork Sausages with Creamy Mash, Peas, & Gravy</p>	<p>Roast Chicken Chicken Thigh Crispy Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Parsnips Gravy</p>	<p>Chicken Tikka Masala Chicken Tikka Curry Rice & Spicy Cabbage & Peas & Papadums</p>	<p>Grab & Go Crispy Fish Fingers Or Crispy Bacon In a Roll Chunky Chips</p>
	 <p>Vegetarian Meal</p>	<p>Meat Free Monday Roasted Vegetable Jambalaya Garlic Bread Cauliflower</p>	<p>Quorn Sausage & Mash Quorn Sausages with Creamy Mash, Peas, & Gravy</p>	<p>Tomato Pasta Penne pasta with Rich Tomato Sauce Carrots & Parsnips</p>	<p>Chana Masala Chickpea & Tomato Curry with Rice & Spicy Cabbage & Peas & Papadums</p>	<p>Grab & Go Vegetable Nuggets In a Roll Chunky Chips</p>
	 <p>Sweet choices</p>	<p>Fruity Flapjack</p>	<p>Carrot Cake</p>	<p>Apple Crumble Pouring Cream</p>	<p>Berry Cheesecake</p>	<p>Oaty Cookie</p>

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

This menu will commence:	5th September	4th October	8th November	5th December
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