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Dear Parents / Carers

## HEAD'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Welcome to the seventh edition of our new style newsletter. This week our school has been a busy place with many exciting events taking place. I was particularly impressed with year 4's business enterprise project last Tuesday. As part of their curriculum topic 'We Are Bradford' children held a 'World Street Food Day' – this involved the children researching world food; selecting authentic ingredients; preparation and cooking and finally organising their stall. The children raised over £70 on the day. I am eagerly awaiting their next business venture!

Children preparing food for the day.



Meanwhile, across the rest of school, many classes have been undertaking their 'hot writing tasks' – this takes place at the end of a teaching sequence. Writing displays across school are looking amazing and I am overjoyed at the progress our children have made with their writing.

Once again, it was lovely to see so many parents attend our Stay and Read session on Thursday. This is successfully underpinning our key strategy for reading in school. I can't stress enough how important it is that parents read and

enjoy books with children – these are times which children will treasure forever. It is also great to see children returning with their book bags in the morning as they line in up the playground.

If you need any further information about our teaching and learning strategies, or about any of the events taking place in school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks again for your continued support.

*Miss Wilson*  
*Head of School*

## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING IN SCHOOL

### What we are learning in Nursery

In maths we are learning about comparing sizes – big and small. You can help at home by comparing pairs of objects e.g. big spoon, little spoon. In Literacy we are learning about growing plants. You can help at home by planting some broad beans and watch them grow. In topic we are learning about Jack and the Beanstalk. You can help at home by reading the story at bedtime.

### What we are learning in Reception

In maths we are learning about Positional language and matching numerals to amounts. You can help at home by counting as you do daily tasks, pointing out numbers around you. Using language to describe where to put things. In Literacy we are learning about writing captions and sentences to match a picture. You can help at home by helping your child with their handwriting homework that is linked with the sounds they are learning. Writing simple words using the letters they know. In topic we are learning about the night sky. We have been looking at how the leaves have changed and what you can find on the floor that has dropped off trees at this time of year. You can help at home by looking at the trees around you. Discuss what you see when you visit the park. What do the leaves feel like? Talk about the colours you see. Does anything live in the leaves?

### What we are learning in Year 1

In maths we are learning about subtraction and finding the difference between 2 numbers. You can help at home by asking your children to help with change in the shop, counting how many sweets are left after eating some. In Literacy we are learning about the Christmas story. We are looking at how stories are structured and the language. You can help at home by sharing lots of stories and talking about the language used and talking about different Christmas traditions. In topic we are learning about deciduous and evergreen trees. You can help at home by talking about how trees have changed in the Autumn. Talk about how some trees lose their leaves in the Autumn and some keep them all year round. In science we are learning about how to carry out experiments and record what we have learned. You can help at home by playing games where you keep score and encouraging your child to record their scores in a table.

### What we are learning in Year 2

In maths we are learning about money. We are becoming more confident in recognising coins and we are beginning to use different coins to make the same amount. You can help at home by allowing your child to help you buy things at the shop and checking your change with you. In Literacy we are learning about answering comprehension questions in relation to the text. We have been specifically focussing on language questions. You can help at home by sharing books with us and explaining to us what words mean to enhance our vocabulary and understanding. In topic we are learning about different materials. We have designed our own Tudor houses and we are building them using different materials. You can help at home by looking at different materials and explaining to us why they are used and what properties they have.

### What we are learning in Year 3

In maths we are learning about multiplication and division. We are beginning to apply our knowledge of the 3x table. You can help at home by practising the 3 x table and related division facts. There are lots of online games to support this including on Sumdog. In Literacy we are completing our 'hot writes' based on our non-fiction work and research around African animals. You can help at home by developing language choices by describing things you see. In science we are learning about muscles and bones in the human body. You can help at home by practising the names of muscles and bones and thinking about how they move when you are carrying out different activities.

### What we are learning in Year 4

In maths we are learning about multiplication and division. You can help at home by learning your tables, talking about sharing objects. In Literacy we are learning about narratives and using direct speech. You can help at home by writing what you say to the children as well as saying it. In topic we are learning about David Hockney. You can help at home by doing research on his paintings. In science we are learning about how sound changes over distance. You can help at home by trying an experiment to see how an instruction can be heard from close by and also afar.

### **What we are learning in Year 5**

In Maths we are learning about multiplication and division. Before starting our new unit, the children completed a pre-learning task to help them identify the next steps in their learning. We all need to work on knowing prime numbers to 100! We are also learning how to use our reasoning sentence starters to support us with tackling reasoning problems. You can help at home by encouraging your child to use the reasoning sentence starters by asking questions relating to everyday life like, "Have you noticed anything different about...? or "Is...true or false?". **Reasoning sentence starters:** I have noticed..., I think this is correct/incorrect/true/false because..., I agree/disagree because.... In Literacy we are in the final writing phase. The children have been working hard planning and drafting their adventure stories. The children have planned their stories using a WAGOLL story based on the book Cosmic and a story ladder. You can help at home by encouraging your child by logging onto Grammar bug to access the Year 5 related grammar activities. In topic we are learning about how night and day happens. We have been applying this knowledge to the different time zones across the world.

### **What we are learning in Year 6**

In maths we are learning about finding fractions and percentages of amounts and equivalent decimals. You can help at home by practicing multiplying and dividing 10/100/1000. In Literacy we are writing a non-chronological report about Paris using the previous research. You can help at home by practicing writing different types of sentences with interesting vocabulary. In topic we are learning about the geography of France and Paris. We are looking at their locations, rivers, mountain ranges and cities. You can help at home by looking these features and discussing what they are and where to find them both here and abroad.

### **Star Learners of the Week**

R Oak – Nella Danelova and Junaid Khan.

R Ash – Bunairah Amar and Ali Ihtsham.

1 Pine – Daniel Jaroch – for being helpful around the classroom.

1 Birch - Iqra Wakeel – for trying really hard with her maths work.

2 Maple – Poppy Barnes – trying hard to improve her spellings.

2 Redwood – Areej Tariq – being a positive role model.

3 Beech - Eliza Naz – improving her attitude to learning and producing some excellent writing.

3 Sycamore - Kobe Gabbitas – using subordinating conjunctions in his writing.

4 Olive – Mulaikah Sharif for her English prediction about our new text.

4 Poplar - Amaan Waqib for settling in well and always being ready to learn.

5 Rosewood - Hajista Butt- Improving her own attitude to learning and becoming an independent learner.

5 Willow - Fatima Ali- Always using the WAGOLLS and the working walls to improve her writing in English!

6 Cherry – Bartolomej Makula for helping new people in our class and being a good role model.

6 Rowan – Adrians Zibergs for excellent answers in RE.



## **SCHOOL MENU – WEEK COMMENCING 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

All main meals are accompanied with seasonal vegetables or salad and either potatoes, rice or naan bread.

Jackets, Cheese Panini, sandwiches, wraps and bread are available daily.

Fresh fruit and fruit yoghurts are available daily.

	<b>MAIN</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>
<b>MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017</b>	Lamb and Mint Grill Halal Chicken Biryani Quorn Frankfurter	Marble Sponge Cocoa Buns
<b>TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017</b>	Cornish Pie Halal Keema Roll Cheese and Onion Quiche	Mixed Fruit Crumble Frozen Smoothie
<b>WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017</b>	Chilli Con Carne Halal Keema and Peas Quorn Meatballs	Rice Pudding, Peaches and Jam Chocolate and Vanilla Mousse
<b>THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Eve's Pudding Fresh Fruit Salad
<b>FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2017</b>	Fish Fingers (Gluton Free) Quorn Sausages	Chocolate Apple Sponge Oat Cookie