

Brize Norton Primary School



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Station Road, Brize Norton, OXON, OX18 3PL

Headteacher: Mrs R. Jones

Friday 24th February 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Spring Term 2 in Hurricanes Class. We hope you've all had a fantastic half term. The children have all enjoyed their first Spring term in Hurricanes Class. We retold our fable 'The Crow's Tale' using our actions and started our 'Big Cats' non-chronological report. We did some great Art based on movements, we created our own explorer maps using string and chalk and learnt about kindness and mindfulness during our PSHE lesson with the help of Jigsaw Jennie. I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and pupils for their fantastic History projects which are now up in display in the classroom (make sure to pop in and have a look!) along with all your continued support whether this is with homework and reading at home. Within Hurricanes Class, the key members of staff are Miss Gibb (Class Teacher) and Mrs Weeks (Classroom Higher Level Teaching Partner).

As you know, our classroom is based at the back of the school, we are very lucky to have an outside area which will be used by the children on a daily basis to enhance/extend their learning. The children do occasionally get muddy so please provide wellies, if you haven't already done so. The children each have their own peg and tray in the classroom which will house their belongings.

Arriving at School and home time

Hurricanes Class will arrive at 8.40am and will be collected at 3.15pm. Please wait in the school playground and a member of staff will collect the children in the morning and walk the children to you at the end of the day.

Snack

In Hurricanes, snack is provided. If you would like you are welcome to provide your child with a snack however, it is encouraged that the children have a **healthy** snack for break time.

PE

Our outdoor PE day will be taught on a Tuesday afternoon where we will be doing Rugby. Our indoor PE afternoon will continue to be Friday. This term our indoor PE will be circuit training. The children are allowed to attend school wearing their PE kit on both days.

Reading

Reading at least 5 times a week is expected and children will be rewarded with dojo points. Please sign their reading records so that we can reward their fantastic effort! Comments about their comprehension or any discussions you have had are really informative.

Reading records are to be brought in every day so that we can read with the children. They will be changed once a week. We are happy for children to supplement reading with their own books at home. Please can this be noted in the reading record.

Homework

Reading at least 5 times a week is part of homework. Children will also be sent home a piece of maths and spellings to complete. Homework needs to be handed in Monday morning and will be sent home Monday



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too. Please make sure to sign the homework slips to say children have completed it. A termly project will also be part of the homework based on our topic. This term our focus is Geography and learning about 7 continents and 5 oceans. This is to be presented by children near the end of term and will go up in display in our classroom.

Class Dojo

Thank you for all signing up to Class Dojo. I hope you are finding it as useful as we are to keep up communication with Class Teachers and yourselves.

What we are learning this term

Phonics and Maths is taught in Year groups. This half term, Miss Gibb will be teaching Year 1 and Mrs Penn Year 2. This will swap after Easter.

Maths this term for Year 1s will be looking at Place value, Length and Height and Mass and Volume and Year 2s will be looking at Length and Height and Mass, Capacity and Temperature. In English, we are looking at the book 'Big Cats' and 'George and the Dragon'. We have lots of experience days coming up too!

Brize Norton Primary School started a new phonics programme called Rocket Phonics in September. The children are really enjoying it and learning lots! Please keep up with practicing Sound mats at home. They are kept in their home learning folders for children to practice.

This term we will be looking at 7 continents, 5 oceans (where explorers went). A home learning task has been sent home and pupils will be presenting these before half term! The first aeroplane flights will be other topics studied throughout the course of the year.

RE, ART and DT will be done as experience days so the children can really get into the subjects! This term we will be studying DT looking at food and vegetables and fruit.

History, Geography, RE, ART and DT lessons are the same topic for both Hurricanes and Hercules but differentiated for each year group.

We look forward to continue to work in partnership with you this year and we are confident that together we can provide the support and encouragement needed to help your child excel. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with us after school or make an appointment if you wish.

With my very best wishes for another successful term and beyond,

Miss Gibb
Hurricanes Class Teacher



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