

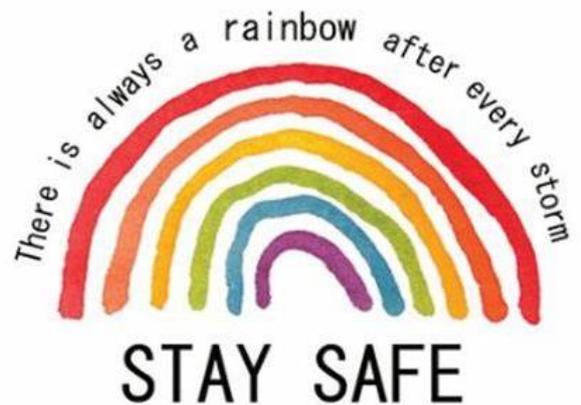
# Brambleside Primary

## Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### Reception News

This week in Maths, the children in Reception have been practicing their number bonds to 5 and exploring 2D shapes. The children found lots of shapes at home and at school! We have also been learning some more digraphs and trigraphs in phonics, and have now learnt all of our Phase 2 and Phase 3 sounds! The children have been showing off their reading and writing at home and at school. We have loved our new rhyme this week - Popcorn! The children were also brilliant in our first TEAMS quiz! We've had a great week!



### Year 1 and 2 News

Year 1 and 2 continue to amaze their Teachers with their enthusiasm and creativity, especially in PE where pupils have shared some energetic video clips and photos showing various A-Z challenges they have completed. Some clips have shown family members joining in and everyone working as a team! ☺

Year 2 started their History unit this week on pirates and explored the images of pirates used in books and films. They then looked at images of Blackbeard (Edward Teach), Mary Read and Anne Bonny, known pirates from the 1600-1700s. Year 1 have enjoyed their Geography unit and building on last terms' knowledge of naming the countries of the United Kingdom. Using Google Earth has been fun as they explore the country.

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February – School closed to 'Critical worker' children for half term.

### Year 3 and 4 News



The year 3 children have been working extremely hard in school and at home. In Maths, we have been learning about time, and in English children have been completing lots of activities based on *George's Marvelous Medicine*. In Science, children have been looking at nutrition and they have made their own food groups chart and nutrient pyramids. Some of the children at

home were really creative with their learning as you can see in these lovely images! Children also spent time focusing on our Picture News question this week, "How do soldiers help us in times of need?" and they wrote letters to the soldiers to thank them for their efforts during the pandemic. We are really proud of the positive attitude to learning and the hard work of children both at home and in school.



The year 4 children have been exploring expanded noun phrases and figurative language including metaphors, similes and personification which they will apply to their own versions of the poem, The Magic Box at the start of next week. We are sure we're going to see imaginative and descriptive poems! In Maths, we have been practicing our multiplication and division skills which the children have worked hard on. They have enjoyed learning about teeth and came across many fascinating facts, including sharks can have up to 20 000 teeth in a life time! They have also been introduced to the Buddhist beliefs: The Four Noble Truths. In History, as part of the Viking topic, they have been exploring the Scots and the Picts and establishing whether they were raiders or invaders. The Year 4 children have been working especially hard this week, completing all the work that is set whilst also practicing their badminton skills with Mr McGill and Mr MacLaren!



#### Reminder to critical worker parents:

- WEAR MASKS
- STAY 2 METRES AWAY FROM OTHERS
- ONE ADULT ON SITE PER CHILD (IF REQUIRED)
- EXIT THE SITE IMMEDIATELY USING ONE-WAY SYSTEM.
- OBSERVE LINES NEAR CLASSROOM DOORS AND OFFICE.

#### Year 5 and 6 News

Year 5 have continued to work hard this week and have produced some fantastic work.

In Geography, we have continued to learn about the globe through climate zones and biomes, and the children

have considered the animals and plants that live in these areas. During Maths, we have revised multiplication and division, and looked at equivalent fractions. They have also been completing art portraits and PE challenges, set by Mr Hawthorn.

In Year 6 this week, we have enjoyed continuing our work on fractions by learning to add and subtract fractions with common denominators. Some children have also been working with decimals. In English, we are now experts at conjunctions, determiners and prepositions - ask a Year 6 if they can give an example of each! Reading continues to bring us lots of pleasure in Year 6 and we are trying our best to read and quiz continually. Map skills have been the focus of our first Geography lesson, where we learnt how to read four-figure and six-figure grid references. What's more, we can also tell you how to say 'Geography' in French, as we have been learning about 'School' or 'L'école' in our French lessons.



Brambleside have been presented with a **PICTURE NEWS IMPACT AWARD 2020**. Our award is beautifully modelled here in the picture by Mr MacLaren! The Picture News Team said this award was for our '*fantastic project, creating a positive impact in our world*'. Congratulations and thank you to all families and students who have contributed to Picture News over the last year!

This week: Look out for the latest email which include extra learning from home resources and ideas for children whilst working at home.

Overleaf....details of this week's picture news....





## Picture News

**This week's Picture News Story:** During the Coronavirus pandemic the armed forces have been asked to help with testing, supporting lorry drivers at Dover and in many other ways.

Question: How do soldiers help us in times of need?



## Technical tips and support

**Teams is free to download.** A few teachers have received emails from parents saying they can't access Teams and ask if they have to pay? No, payment is not necessary. The free link below downloads Teams:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software?litid=searchPromo>

This website explains you can get it for free if you enter your school email address when asked online

<https://www.cnet.com/how-to/how-to-get-microsoft-365-for-free/>

And, finally, if you type in your child's email address (first initial, surname then school email address) you should get free access. For instance, a child named 'Elsie Jones' would have the following email: [ejones@bramblesideacademytrust.co.uk](mailto:ejones@bramblesideacademytrust.co.uk)

**How to upload your child's assignments:** Here is a link to a step-by-step guide to add work:

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/turn-in-an-assignment-in-microsoft-teams-e25f383a-b747-4a0b-b6d5-a2845a52092b>



[www.brambleside.northants.sch.uk](http://www.brambleside.northants.sch.uk)

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**Safeguarding:** If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our children, please contact the school and ask for Mrs Eaton-Brown, (Designated Safeguarding Lead). Mr Brown and Mrs Goosey are also trained Designated Safeguarding Leaders. Alternatively contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0300 126 1000.

