

Polar Class

English We will begin the term thinking about our wellbeing and emotions, using the two books 'The secret sky garden' and 'The promise' We then will be learning to write explanations and instructions drawing on dance crazes, cures from *Horrible histories*, happy minds and active bodies. Within this unit we will explore paragraphs and headings, possessive apostrophes and commas. Following on from this we will be learning to write humorous poems developing our creative and descriptive writing. After the holidays we will be developing our creative story writing and punctuation of dialog to write additional chapters to the book 'Grimwood' by Nadia Shireen.

Maths
We will be increasing and deepening our understanding of place value, followed by addition and subtraction, and finally division and multiplication. Times table practice will be regularly introduced. The children will be encouraged to problem solve, broadening their understanding of each topic.
Any additional time tables practice at home will be very beneficial! TTRockstars is a very fun and engaging way to practice.

History
Ancient Egyptians, Saxons and Scots.
Throughout this term we will be answering the question 'Who were they and when did they live?'

Art and DT (Design Technology)
In art we will be learning to create several types of prints using artists such as Pablo Picasso, Andy Warhol and Banksy to inspire us.

Welcome back all! I hope that you are all settling back into the school routine. I am very excited to watch the class grow, develop and learn throughout the coming year. If you have any questions don't hesitate to get in touch either on the playground or email: class3@bradleysboth.n-yorks.sch.uk

Music
Year 3—We will be introducing the children to African drumming and learning to play as members of an ensemble. We will learn about the origins of Djembe drums and listen and appraise performances. In the second half term we be using the Young Persons Guide to the Orchestra.
Year 4—the children will develop their Djembe ensemble playing from last year, playing a range of call and response rhythms. In the second half term we will focus on orchestral instruments.
The children will perform as part of a Christmas performance.

Computing
This term we will start by understanding what a computer network is, its importance, and how it functions. After the half term break, we will develop children's knowledge of computer programming: simple coding and de-bugging.

Science
This half term we will be learning about Animals including Humans. The children will be learning about our amazing planet and how every living thing is dependent on other living things for its survival. Children will learn Every animal needs to eat plants or other animals. Plants need rich soil to grow strong and healthy and soil is made rich for growing by the waste of living things and the decomposing remains of plants and animals that were once alive. In the second half of the term we will learning about rocks. Learning how rocks are formed, rock types, how rocks are used, fossils and soils.

PE
The term we will begin by focussing on learning and developing skills needed in invasion games such as handball and football. We will be learning tactics, teamwork and ball skills. We will then move onto floor and apparatus gymnastics. **PE will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays.**

Reading books will be changed regularly as children complete their books at home or in school. Children will read to an adult within the week and reading records will be checked and progress that they have made will be recorded.
Spellings - Please help children practice their spellings at home. New spellings will be given each Friday to be tested on the following Friday.
Homework - Children will be directed to use IXL and Timestable Rockstars to complete tasks linked to learning within the week.

