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Year 1 Curriculum Information Letter – Autumn 1 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the Autumn Term at Brackenbury School. We hope you all enjoyed your summer break and that you are looking forward to the new school year ahead. The children have made a great start to the school year and have settled into their new classes really well.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the 'Meet the Staff' morning on **Wednesday 16th September** when you can come and see the classrooms, and meet the adults who will be working with your child over the next year.

Over this term we will be learning about;

English

We will use Traditional Tales including '*The Gigantic Turnip'* as a basis for our writing. We will:

- Write labels to describe characters
- Recognise the beginning, middle and end of a story
- Develop our understanding of capital letters and full stops
- Act out different parts of the story
- Write a sequence of sentences.

The children will take part in daily phonics sessions to develop their reading and writing skills. They will also do handwriting and fine motor activities to develop their letter formation.

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on place value and number recognition to 10. The children will be:

- Counting objects
- Ordering numbers
- Counting on from a given number
- Comparing numbers
- Finding 1 more and 1 less than a number

Science

Throughout the year we will be observing 'Seasonal changes' in the local area. This half term we will focus on Autumn and we will:

- Ask and answer questions about each season
- Observe seasonal changes in our local area by visiting Ravenscourt Park
- Observe and describe autumnal weather
- Perform and record tests about the weather

This half term we will also be learning and labelling the human body.

Computing

We will develop our understanding of technology and how it can help us in our everyday lives. We will start to become familiar with the different components of a computer by developing our keyboard and mouse skills. We will also consider how to use technology responsibly.

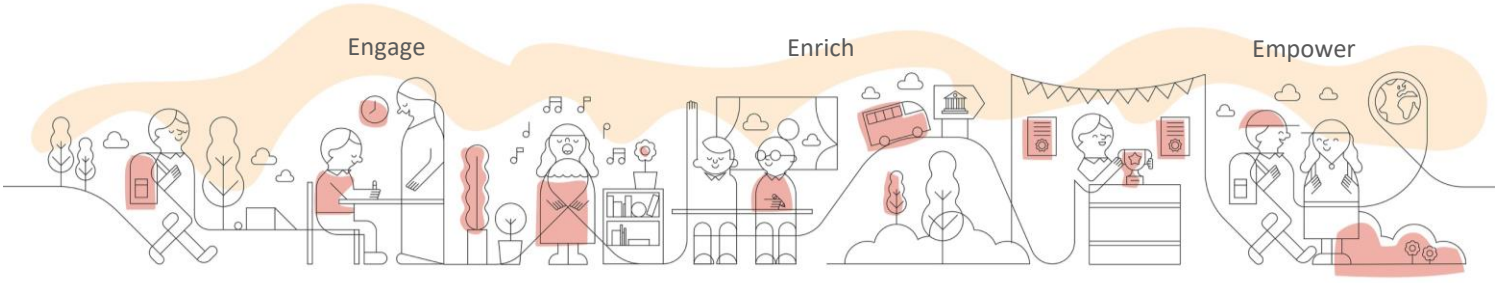
We will also be talking about how to stay safe online, using pictures and words to share information about e-safety.

Art
We will be exploring the work of the artist Yayoi Kusama and using her style to paint fireworks.
Geography
The children will be learning about the weather and how it changes with the seasons.
Music
Music lessons will be taught by Ms Buller from the Tri-Borough Music Hub every Monday.
PSHCE
We will look at *Myself and My Relationships* through the topic of 'Beginning and Belonging'**.**
RE
We will be learning about Symbols of Light and exploring it Hinduism and Sikhism.
PE
The children will develop fundamental skills of balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping on Monday's lessons. Friday's lessons will focus on creating movements and sequences in dance.
PE days are; **Mondays and Fridays**. **All children should come to school wearing their PE kits on both days.**
PE kit is;

- red t-shirt with logo
- black shorts or leggings/tracksuit trousers
- black trainers

Please note that children with long hair should have a hair band so this can be tied back.

Homework
Daily Homework:
Reading – Children should read for 10-15 minutes every night and bring their signed Reading Record with their book back to school on Thursdays.
Weekly Homework: is set on Friday and is due in by the following Wednesday each week.
Spelling – Children complete spelling homework linked to their daily phonics lessons.
Termly Homework Project: linked to the term's topics.
Wednesday 4th November - Autumn term homework projects due in.

Reminders
Snacks and water
Children are encouraged to bring in a snack for morning break. We ask that this is either a piece of fruit or chopped vegetables. Children are also encouraged to bring in a named water bottle to be used in class.
School uniform
Please ensure that all items belonging to your child are clearly marked with their names, including coats and hats as we move into the colder weather. More detailed information about the school uniform can be found on our school website; https://www.brackenbury.lbhf.sch.uk/information/uniform/
We are confident that your child will have a happy, productive and enjoyable term but should you wish to discuss any aspects of their experiences at school, please do not hesitate to pop in and speak to us or make an appointment through the school office.

Many thanks for your continued support. We look forward to working with you throughout the term.
Year 1 team
Ms Long with Ms Lynch & Ms Osekowska