



Brougham Primary School

Year 3/4 Spring Term 2 Newsletter

During Spring term 2, in English, Year 3/4 pupils will study 'The Worst Witch', which is based on Mildred Hubble, a well-meaning but clumsy trainee witch at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches. She is often in trouble for her disastrous spellcasting and broomstick mishaps. Mildred is considered the 'worst' student, navigating school life with friends, rivals and teachers. The children will use the book to help them to write for a range of purposes. In maths, pupils will continue to focus upon place value numbers to 1000 and 10000, as well as column addition and column subtraction. Their Geography topic is 'Rainforests', in which pupils will consider why rainforests are so important to us. In computing, pupils will be learning how to program using Scratch. Their Science topic for Spring 2 is Sound. In PE, pupils will learn the rules and skills of dodgeball and Trigolf. In Art lessons, pupils will complete a topic in which they will explore still life, surface and colour. In RE, they will explore why Lent is such an important period for Christians.

Important Dates

Pupils will return to school on **Monday 2nd March**. Pupils will break up for the half term break on **Thursday 2nd April**.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance

TRAFFIC LIGHT ZONE



RED ZONE

All pupils whose attendance falls below 90% will be considered for legal monitoring by the Local Authority



AMBER ZONE

Those pupils who have fallen between 91%-96% are in the Amber Zone. Those in this zone are automatically monitored by school.



GREEN ZONE

All pupils whose attendance is 97% and above are part of the green zone. As Green a pupil you are more likely to achieve.

STUDENTS WITH RED AND AMBER ATTENDANCE ARE FAR MORE LIKELY TO UNDERACHIEVE...

Punctuality

Pupils Late for school: Pupils who are late for school are missing the important start of their lesson and their entry into the classrooms late, is also causing disruption to other pupils in their class. Please make sure your child is in school on time each day. Your child must be in school for 8.45am.

Contact Numbers: We must have at least 2 working contact numbers for your child at all times. This is a matter of safeguarding and we must always be able to contact parents during the school day. **If your phone number has changed you must update it at the school office.**

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY



Keeping You Informed

Class Dojo: Please ensure that you are signed up to Class Dojo to receive regular school and class updates. If you wish to contact a member of staff, you should do so by clicking on the chat link and selecting the name of the staff member required. Phone calls can be arranged to speak to staff members, again this can be done so by contacting that staff member via Class Dojo.

ParentPay: Please remember that we are a cashless school and all payments must be done so through ParentPay.

Social media: Please follow Brougham Primary School on Facebook and X (Twitter) to find out what the children have been getting up to.



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School Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears full school uniform each day for school.

Our school uniform consists of:

- Grey trousers or skirt
- White polo shirt
- Red school jumper/cardigan
- **Black shoes**



We expect all pupils to wear black shoes for school. Please ensure your child does not wear white or brightly coloured trainers to school as this is not permitted.

Please ensure all your child's clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name. If you wish to purchase embroidered clothing with the school's logo on, please visit: **Logo2go located at 13 Tower Street, Hartlepool, TS24 7HH.**

Home Learning and Reading at Home

Home learning helps pupils to embed the knowledge they have learnt each week. We would be grateful if you could support and encourage your child to return their weekly homework.

Homework will be set on a **Friday** and must be completed and returned on a **Thursday**.

For children unable to access the internet, paper copies are always available - parents must inform class teacher if these are required.

Homework activities:

- Times Table Rockstars – 15 minutes daily practise. The amount of time your child spends practising on Times Table Rockstars will be checked by their teacher every Friday morning. There will be a reward for the best performer each week.
- 15 minutes per day home reading
- Your child may be provided with additional homework, where necessary.

Reading at home

Reading records are sent home on a Friday and must be returned to school Thursday of the following week. Your child is encouraged to read at least three times a week with an adult, who should then comment and sign the reading record on each of the three occasions.

Children who read at least three times per week will be awarded a Golden Ticket. Every time your child earns a Golden Ticket, their name is entered into a monthly draw to win a new reading book and certificate.

Please encourage your child to read as regularly as possible.

PE

Your child's PE day for **Spring 2** is **Wednesday**.

- Pupils must come to school wearing their school PE kit, which consists of a red crew neck t-shirt & black shorts or black joggers. On colder days, red school jumpers are permitted to be worn over the top of their PE kit.