



Brougham
Primary School

Early Years Newsletter

Summer 1

Reception



This term our theme within the Early Years is Are Heroes Real?

In Reception our topic is Up, Up and Away.

Within this topic, through stories and non-fiction texts we will learn about great explorers from the past and explorers in the present. We will begin thinking about what it takes to become an explorer, through revisiting prior learning from the topic "Are Heroes Real?" learnt in Nursery. Through revisiting learning, we will build on our understanding of personal qualities needed to make a great explorer such as bravery, persistence, and optimism. We will virtually explore countries highlighted through stories, learning about similarities and differences, relating to culture, landmarks, clothing, food, and beliefs of the people that live within them.

Ideas to support your child's learning through this topic:

Communication and Language

- Talk about where in the world you would like to visit and why e.g. the mountains, the beach, the rainforest.
- Use photographs/recordings of your adventures to encourage conversation. Comment on what you saw.

Physical Development

- Create an obstacle course together and challenge each other to complete it – be brave and persevere!
- Cosmic Kids Yoga adventure – We're Going on a Bear Hunt
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAT5NiWHFIU>

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Practise explorer skills of bravery, perseverance, and optimism by trying to learn a new skill.
- Play board games that help to understand turn taking, dice patterns and how to win/lose a game

Literacy

- Make lists of things that you need to pack for your adventure i.e. sandwiches, water, map, camera etc.
- Visit the local library and look at books about explorers or places around the world.

Maths

- Count forwards 1-50 and count backwards 20-0.
- Explore CBeebies Numberblocks website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>

Understanding the World

- Find out about the world with the excellent Go Jetters
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m0007z03/go-jetters>
- Go on adventures to different places, such as Hartlepool Marina, Captain Cook's monument and record your explorations by drawing pictures, taking videos, and writing a diary.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Draw maps of adventurous walks and label them, such as Summerhill and the beach.
- Build vehicles for explorers using recycled materials e.g. rockets, submarines

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Reminders and Special Events

Please remember to **label cardigans/jumpers**

Book Bags come into school each **Thursday**. Remember to help your child to read their words, books, or ditties three times a week to receive a golden ticket.

Important Dates

Term dates: Monday 20th April 2026 – Friday 22nd May 2026

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2026