

# Brambleside Primary

## Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### Reception news

In Number Time this week, we have been learning to tell the time! We have been learning to tell the time to o'clock and half past. It would be great if you could speak to your child about events during their day and the times that these happen. For example waking up at 7 o'clock, having lunch at 12 o'clock, and showing them the time on your clocks and watches at home.

In Phonics we have learnt all of our Reception sounds! So we are now re-visiting our sounds and tricky words to make sure we are really secure before moving on in Year 1.

The children were very excited to meet their new Year 1 teachers this week and we have been talking a lot about the transition to prepare them for the move in September. We have also had lots of fun reciting our rhyme time rhymes, singing songs and reading lots of stories

### Year 1 and 2 news

**Year 1** have been reading another fable from the Aesop's Fables book. This time they read about the Hare and the Tortoise and discovered that 'slow and steady wins the race'.

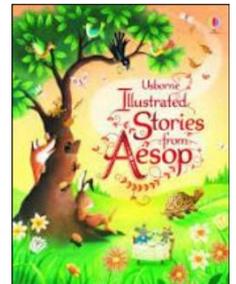
Through this text, they have been working on retrieval, inference, summarising and sequencing skills. The sequencing tasks have then linked with their writing text, as they have been writing a recount ensuring that it is in chronological order. They focused on their sports day and have written sentences ensuring that the order of events has been communicated in the correct sequence.

**Year 2** have been using aboriginal art as their stimulus during their unit on 3D Art this week. The 'Creation of Life' by Danny Eastwood uses aboriginal symbols and colours to tell a story. The ceramic '3D Big Fish' by John Kindness displayed in Belfast also communicates the stories of the local people. Year 2 created their own 3D fish from card, newspaper and brown paper. The stories painted on their fish tell of games played at lunchtime. The colour red symbolises 'energy' and black symbolizes 'earth'.



#### Dates for your Diary

8<sup>th</sup> July – Staff V Parents – Charity Football match 5.15pm, school field  
11-14 July - Year 6 Bike-ability  
18 July - Year 6 leavers assembly, 2pm  
19 July – Last day of term



The children used thought in their work. The whole process required them to plan ahead and make a maquette, a small model for the basis of their sculpture. It also required patience as each layer needed to dry before they could create the final decorative piece.

## Year 3 and 4 news

Map reading and fieldwork was the main focus in our **Year 3** curriculum lessons this week. The children went out into the community plotting a route using OS maps. The children thoroughly enjoyed the challenge.

We have finished our Mass and Capacity unit in maths and will be using our remaining time to tie up any loose ends, giving the children the best send off into Year 4. Any additional work at home involving times-tables, measurement and time would be a great addition to your child's progression.

The children have been planning and writing a formal letter of complaint about the closure of a fictitious local leisure centre. This is something many of the children have felt very strongly about due to the loss of an area for recreational activities and exercise.

We are heading into the final few chapters of 'The Magician's Nephew'. Polly and Digory are doing their best to keep the evil witch from destroying the world, but it is proving more difficult than they thought. I am sure the children will keep you updated as their adventure further unravels.

**Year 4** have had a lovely week at school this week. In Maths lessons, the children have been finishing interpreting line graphs and have moved onto their new topic of 'Properties of Shape'. They have been practicing identifying different types of triangles. We have been continuing to read our class text, 'The Girl Who Stole an Elephant' by Nizrana Farook. During art lessons, we have looked at complementary colours and how we can use them to create the illusion of movement. We have also focused on the human form and how to mould shapes out of wire.

## Year 5 and 6 news

Amazing week for **Year 5**. We have continued to look at our writing on a narrative which includes dialogue, this text is based on the Algonquian people, something we have really enjoyed learning about. In DT we have been completing our topic on structures, identifying ways in which we can produce a rigid and secure structure. This included a study of the Iron Bridge, a key milestone of the industrial revolution. In Maths we have looked at continuing our recap of the four operations, in particular multiplication, they are now demonstrating a strong grasp of all the skills required to master the art of multiplication, and we couldn't be prouder! Have a well deserved rest over the weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday!

**Year 6** have had an action-packed week! Most of the children visited their secondary schools on Monday to get a taster of life in Year 7. The children whose transitions are on different days had great fun quizzing each other and playing some team games at school. Later on in the week, Ms Kinley, Miss Stowers-Veitch, Miss Dale and Mr Fortune had the pleasure of accompanying lots of the Year 6s on their residential to Kingswood in Norfolk. The children had a fantastic time and loved showing off their communication skills and independence. Lots of the children challenged themselves to complete activities they'd never done before and we are all really proud of how well they behaved. The children who stayed at school completed a great Design Technology project with Miss Nagar.



## Sports news

This week Years 4,5 and 6 participated in various athletic events at Moulton College. Our teams performed really well in 50m sprint and 400m distances with some outstanding individual performances. The athletics team came in an overall 6<sup>th</sup> place whilst our goal ball team brought a medal home, securing 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Well done team Brambleside, you all did us proud. Great team work from everyone.

**TODAY: Staff v parents Charity Football match 5.15pm.** Spectators welcome. We request a £1 donation with all proceeds to Skylark Childrens Ward at KGH. If you'd like to play in the next game, 12<sup>th</sup> July, email: [ahenderson@bramblesideacademytrust.co.uk](mailto:ahenderson@bramblesideacademytrust.co.uk)

## Summer fete

The Summer Fete raised a magnificent **£1437.41** Thank you to everyone who volunteered and came to support the event. Special thanks go to Susie Westley & Donna Mann as it was their last event with Friends of Brambleside - you'll be missed!

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Learning and Growing Together

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