

Year 1/2 Curriculum Overview

Spring 1 2025

Happy New Year! Welcome back to a new term at Braishfield Primary School. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday with friends and family. The children achieved so much last term in a busy festive period. I was so proud with all their hard work in all areas of the curriculum including the fantastic nativity performances. The new topic for the term will be 'Queens, Castles and Dirty Rascals', please see information below regarding specific subject areas. As always, please do not hesitate to come and see me after school if you wish to discuss something or contact the office to make an appointment for us to meet or give you a ring. Thank you for your continued support.

English

Writing: Book Study: 'Immi.' We will be focussing on adventurous vocabulary to describe different settings. We will be writing a setting description linked to the book.

Castles: We will be reading books about castles, finding out about the different parts and what they were used for. We will then write a non-chronological report about castles.

Reading:

Year 2 will have a minimum of three reading sessions a week. This will involve a range of different types of reading activities based around a particular book. These activities will include finding words and phrases within their text and thinking about what these words mean. The children will complete comprehension activities, focusing on basic retrieval, inference, sequencing and prediction. Children will bring a colour banded book home each week.

Year 1 will continue with the *Little Wandle* scheme. They will read three times in school focusing on fluency, prosody and comprehension. They will then bring this book home to read.

Children will bring home a library book in addition to their school book.

Science

Materials

This half term we will continue with our topic on materials but with a focus on its suitability. Our key question to answer is: **Why do we choose materials to do certain jobs?**

We will be comparing the suitability of materials for different uses and finding out how some materials can change shape.



Maths

Year 1

We will be building on our place value knowledge but this time within 20. We will be learning 1 more and 1 less than different numbers and how to order numbers. We will also be adding and subtracting within 20 using a range of strategies.

Year 2

We will be finding out the value of different coins and learning to add pounds and pence. We will also be finding different ways to make the same amount.

We will continue to count in twos, fives and tens and solve multiplication and division problems using arrays, repeated addition and mental strategies.

PE

In games we will be focusing on invasion games. We will be learning the different tactics of attacking and defending. In gymnastics we are lucky to have a qualified gymnastics coach joining us to support us with our balances, rolls and sequences.

RE

This half term we will be studying the concept of **Special** books. We will be looking at the Bible and the Guru Granth Sahib, finding out why these books are important to Christians and Sikhs.

DT – preparing vegetables

We will be finding out where our different vegetables come from and learning how to prepare vegetables to be eaten.

Computing:

We will be programming a robot to make it move using different commands.

History

This half term we will be trying to answer the following question: *Was being the Queen the same for Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria as it was for Elizabeth II?* We will be finding out about each of the queens and what life was like during their rule. We will be looking for similarities and differences between them and the time they ruled.

Reminders and Events...

Homework

Year 1 will continue to have their Year 1 words list to learn which they will be tested on each half term. They will also be given a maths activity to complete either in their homework packs or online.

Year 2 will now be set spellings to learn based on their weekly spelling focus. They will be tested on these on a Friday. They will also be given a maths activity to complete either in their homework packs or online. There will be a big push on TTRS and their number skills.

Key Dates

PE days- Tuesday and Thursdays