

14th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another school year at Brookside. Everyone has had a great start back and it has been lovely to see the children so happy and settled in school and working so hard.

In Year 3 we have started our 'Ourselves' topic and have been thinking about what we already know about ourselves and have labelled different parts of our bodies. In English, we will be using Roald Dahl books as a prompt in our writing. In maths we will be learning about Place Value and solving calculations, using both mental and formal written methods. In P.E this term, we will be doing games based multi-skills. In Year 3 our P.E lessons are on a Monday and a Friday (when we do not have enrichment).

In Year 4 we have started our 'Digestive System' topic. We will be learning all about the organs in the digestive system, their functions and our teeth; their names and the different jobs they hold. In English, we will be using a variety of picture books to support our writing, including The Bog Baby which we are all enjoying. During our Maths lessons we are learning about number and place value (including rounding), addition and subtraction and area and perimeter. In P.E this term, we will be doing games based multi-skills. In Year 4 our P.E lessons are on a Thursday. **Key information**

Maths

In Year 3 and 4 we are working towards the target of rapid recall of multiplication (and corresponding division facts) up to 12 X 12, so we ask that these are practised at home weekly and that children are accessing in TT Rockstars at home. If you are unable to access the internet at home or do not have a suitable device, then please feel free to let us know.

Spellings

Weekly spellings are tested every Monday. New spellings are handed out every Tuesday and new spelling rules will be taught in class. Thank you for practising these spellings at home with your children. Please be aware that the children will be tested on a Monday.

Reading

If your child is a free reader, they are welcome to read suitable books either from school or if you prefer books from home. If your child is reading from a school scheme, they will be able to change their books when they need replacing. Please feel free to read books from home over the weekend to further support your children. We would like the children to read at least 3 times per week. Please bring reading records into school on a Monday.

P.E

Following P.E lessons, children will be wearing their kit home to ensure end of day is as smooth and efficient as possible. Please ensure your child is wearing joggers in colder weather. School P.E kit is red t-shirts and dark, preferably black, joggers/shorts.

Thank you for your continued support with the new school arrangements. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3 and 4 team