

Brookside Academy Specialist Provision

Newsletter – Friday 16th June 2023



The Value we are focusing on this term is Resilience.

Dear Parents/Carers,

With the warmer weather upon us, please can you ensure that your child comes into school with a sunhat, plenty to drink and sun cream (already applied). We now have a very large canopy which covers our designated outdoor space, so that the children have protection from the elements when they are learning outside.

This half term our topic is Farm to Fork. As well as visiting Magdalen Farm, we will be learning about various aspects of farming.

Staff News

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Dunmall at the end of the term. Miss Dunmall is relocating and has accepted another teaching post in the area as she is moving to.

We are pleased to inform you that we have appointed two new teachers who will start their posts in September. Pippa Barratt is currently teaching in an alternative provision setting in the local area and has a wealth of SEND experience. Rosie Neiters is currently teaching in a diverse school in Bristol and is able to teach Makaton. Both teachers will be visiting Brookside over the next few weeks so that they can introduce themselves to the children and parents.

We would like to welcome teaching assistant Maggie, who joined the team at the start of this half term. Maggie is currently supporting in Jays class.

Curriculum Meeting

We would like to invite you to our curriculum evening on **Thursday 20th July at 6pm**. This will be an opportunity for you to find out and ask questions about our new curriculum framework and Evidence Learning. There will also be an opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher for the next academic year, view their new classroom and have a tour of the provision. You will be sent an email during the next few weeks, with a link on how to confirm your attendance.

Reminders

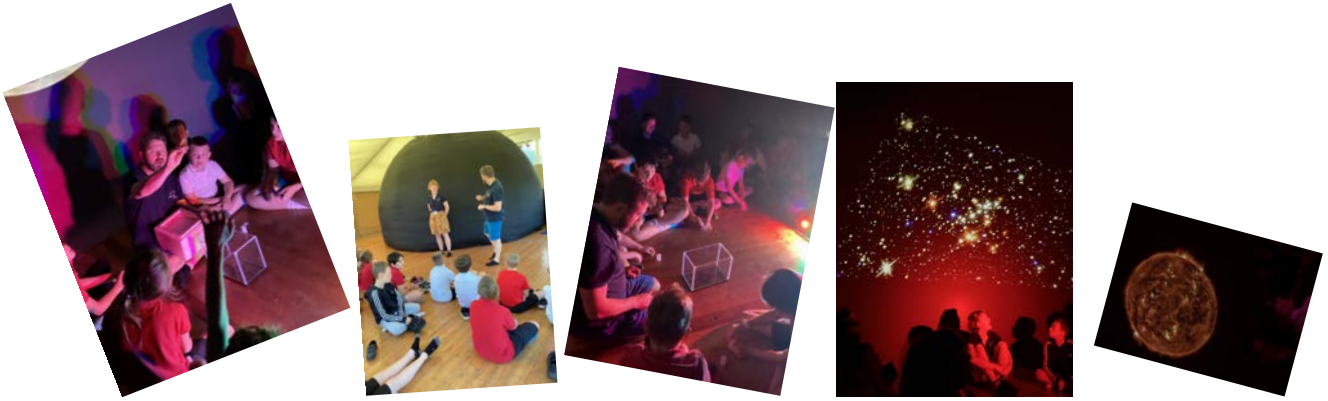
Trip to Magdalene Farm – Monday 19th June



If you have yet to sign the consent form and have not paid, please can you ensure that you do this by Friday 16th June, at the very latest. We will be unable to take your child, if the consent form is not signed.

You will have received an email this week, confirming what the children need to bring and wear. All children will need a packed lunch, unless you have requested a school lunch. We will take plenty of snacks to keep the children going throughout the day.

Science fun



The Unstoppables are a group of young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities aged 13-25. The group is for young people who want to have their voice heard and help to make changes in Somerset. They want to hear your views on things that matter to you.

The Unstoppables are currently delivering roadshows across schools in Somerset. I have therefore invited them to come into Brookside on Friday 30th June. They will spend some time meeting some of our children and gaining their views/ideas about a range of topics.

Year 6 Activities Week

