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# **SUMMER 1 LEARNING LAUNCH!**

On Tuesday, Mrs Pugh held an exciting assembly all about what Summer term the children in school will be learning about this half term. Soon, your child's class teacher will be sending out their curriculum letter highlighting all of the things your child will be learning in school. In the meantime, here is a look at the titles.



Can you guess what your child will be learning about?

Little Acorns Nursery— Rhyme Challenge Great Oak Nursery - Rhyme Challenge **Reception - Extreme Habitats** Year 1 - The Great Fire! Year 2 - Down in the Caribbean Year 3 - Walk like an Egyptian Year 4 - Extreme Earth Year 5 - How did the Mayans use the Rainforest? Year 6 - Let's Explore Planet Earth











# TAKE A LOOK AT OUR AMAZING HOLIDAY PROJECTS!

The children have been busy over the Easter holidays creating some amazing pieces of work based on their new learning. Take a look below at all their hard work!





















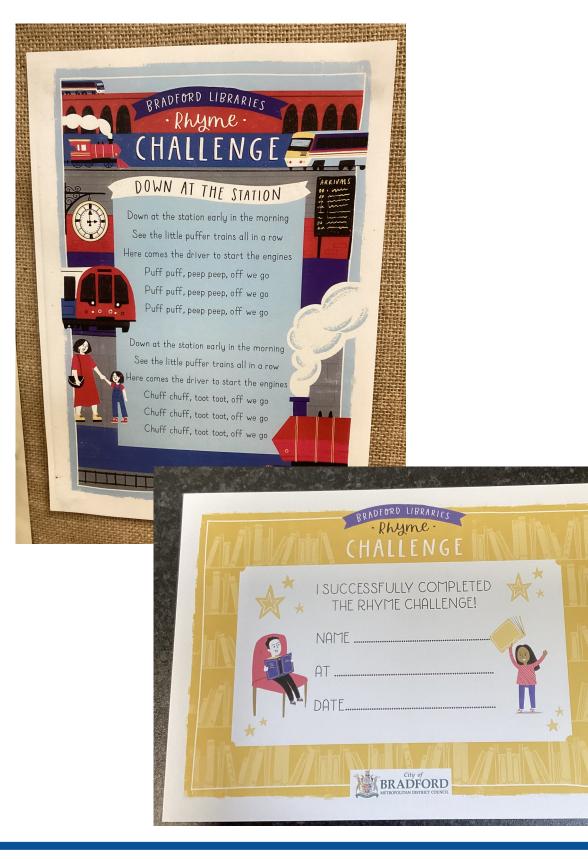


### **RHYME CHALLENGE!**

This half term Little Acorns and Great Oak Nursery are completing The Bradford Libraries Rhyme Challenge.

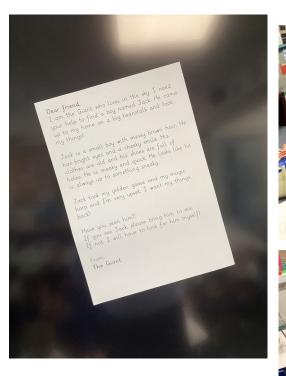
This Challenges the children to learn five new nursery rhymes over the period of five weeks. At the end of the challenge the children will receive a certificate for taking part.

Its a fun exciting experience for parents to get involved and join in with the fun too!



## **SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING!**

In year 1 this week, the children came into their classroom to find someone had been in and made it a mess! We don't think the giant is happy.....can you help us find a boy called Jack?





Year 2 were very excited to use the atlases and maps to locate the Caribbean islands on a world map as part of their new learning. Then we had to look really carefully to work out which island was St Lucia. We are very enthused to find out even more about the tropical island of St Lucia.





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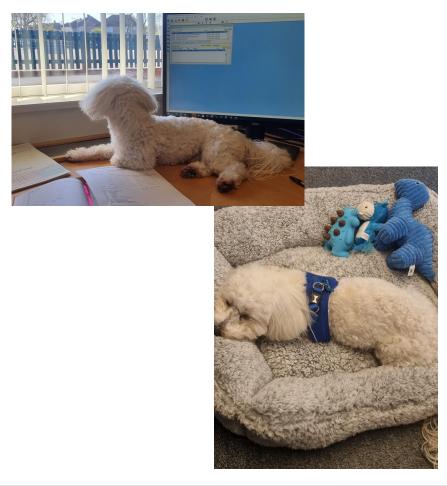


To introduce their exciting new text, Survivors, Year 4 went out into the wildlife area pretending they were trying to survive after being stranded in the wilderness. Working in groups, they began by finding the most suitable place for shelter. They were then given tasks to do and questions to discuss about how they would survive using only the natural resources around them.

### LEO OUR FURRY FRIEND!

Leo our Dog Mentor has had a super first week at school. He has spent time in Mrs. Mouatt's office getting used to the different sounds and smells. He is excited about meeting the children soon!





### **50 THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU'RE FIVE**

This weeks activity is #48 Natural Art. Please have a go at completing the activity and send any photos to **50things@swainhouse.bradford.sch.uk** then we will share them in our weekly newsletter!



Click <u>here</u> to access the 50 Things website to find out more about the activity or scan the QR code below



#### How to do it

Take a bag and off you go. Collect anything lying on the ground (but remember not to pick anything that is growing, apart from dandelions, buttercups and daises. Let your child smell and feel their collections .Talk about the colour and shapes. Encourage them to lay our their collection on the ground in whatever way they want to do it.

#### What you will need

Leaves, grass, acorns and pinecones. You can also collect conkers, twigs and small stones.

### JOIN FRIENDS OF SWAIN HOUSE!

# FRIENDS OF SWAIN HOUSE RECRUITING NOW

Friends of Swain House is a parent run group that organises various events and activities to benefit our children

Email the school office or message us on FACEBOOK to register your interest!

### **SHARING YOUR NEWS!**



Roman in Michael Morpurgo Class received an award from Goals, after attending their football club during the holidays. He was commended for his great teamwork and excellent defensive skills when in goal. Well done Roman!

Roop in Year 4 enjoyed celebrating Vaisakhi with her family . They completed the Vaisakhi parade, which is when they walk to each Gurdwara in Bradford (there is a total of 6) they started at 10:30am and finished at 3pm.



If you have any news about your child's achievements that you would like to share in our newsletter, please speak to your child's class teacher!

#### CLICK THE ICON TO SEE REGULAR UPDATES ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!



# **READING PLANET REVIEWS!**

As part of our Key Stage 2 reading scheme, we would like to use our weekly newsletter to help promote and share some of your children's favourite stories that they have read. Each week, we will be sharing book reviews that have been written by your children. Hopefully these reviews will inspire our children to read one of the books when they choose their next one.

I have been reading Look at my Book by Phil Dillon. I have enjoyed reading this book because it is about a rabbit who is writing his own book, which is funny. My favourite part of the story is when the other animals read the story and offer advice about how to make his book better. I would recommend this book to others to read.

By Amelia—Year 3



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# MYHAPPYMIND

# OUR CONVERSATION CARD OF THE WEEK





#### Enjoy a conversation!

Each week we will share a conversation card. These are designed to help you have meaningful and fun conversations with your child and aid discussions about mental health and happiness.



# MYHAPPYMIND APP

The myHappymind app has been updated and now includes some new features—kids zone, myHappymind games and mini master classes for parents .



### Download your FREE myHappymind Parent App



...An online resource to support you and your family to learn more about how you can use myHappymind to support your child.

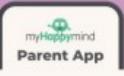


#### myHappymind for Parents

Exclusively for parents with children at a myHappymind School or Nursery.



Learn all about what your children are learning in school



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# WEEKLY UPDATES

# ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Here are this week's attendance and punctuality figures. There is a proven link between attendance and achievement and it is therefore very important that your child attends school and is on time unless they are too unwell to do so. Our doors open at **8.30am** and close at **8.40am**.

Please see the information below for our whole school and class attendance for the week ending **25/04/25.** 

Early rears and key stage 1.				
CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES		
Elm	88.5%	1		
Willow	100%	1		
Kandinsky	96.5%	0		
Matisse	93.5%	0		
Lowry	94.2%	1		
Van Gogh	96.1%	0		

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	96.7%	0
Roald Dahl	93.2%	2
JK Rowling	94.3%	1
Michael Morpurgo	97.6%	0
Elgar	96.4%	0
Mozart	97.2%	0
Beethoven	96.3%	1
Vivaldi	98.2%	0

Congratulations to Willow Class and Vivaldi Class for having the best attendance this week!

Well done to Kandinsky Class, Matisse Class, Van Gogh Class, Anne Fine Class, Michael Morpurgo Class, Elgar Class, Mozart Class and Vivaldi Class for having no lates!

Our whole school attendance this week:

95.6%

#### COMMUNICATION SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

These are the letters, messages and website updates that have been sent out this week. If you have not received any of these letters, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the office on **01274 639049**.

WEBSITE UPDATES:	National Online Safety -'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is about 'Making Friends Online'.	
LETTERS:	22.04.25 – Parents Evening Consultation – Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> may 2025 23.04.25 – NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe	
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	24.04.25 – Breakfast Club	

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### RAVENSCLIFFE YOUTH CENTRE



# COMING UP THIS TERM

# SPRING TERM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	08.05.25	2.30pm	Van Gogh Class – Wesak Assembly
Thursday	15.05.25	2.30pm	Kandinsky Class Assembly
Thursday	22.05.25	2.30pm	Year 4 Residential Assembly
Tuesday	10.06.25	2.30pm	Anne Fine class Assembly
Thursday	12.06.25	2.30pm	Mozart Class Assembly
Thursday	19.06.25	2.30pm	Elm Class Assembly
Thursday	26.06.25	2.30pm	Matisse Class Assembly
Thursday	03.07.25	2.30pm	Willow Class Assembly
Thursday	17.07.25	1.45pm	Year 6 Leavers Presentation Assembly

# REMINDERS

#### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Our Breakfast Club opens at 7.30am at a cost of £2.40 each per day or at 7.45am at the cost of £1.90 each per day. Children from Nursery to Year 6 can attend.

If you would like to book your child into Breakfast Club, please use ParentPay.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our After School Club is available until 4pm at a cost of £2.50 each per day.

If you would like to book your child into After School Club, please use ParentPay.

#### EXTRA CLUB

We also offer an Extra Club service that runs until 6pm at a cost of £4.50 per day.

If you would like to book your child into Extra Club, please use ParentPay.

Please can you ensure that Extra Club places are booked and paid for in advance - by Monday morning. This ensures registers are accurate and places are booked and guaranteed.

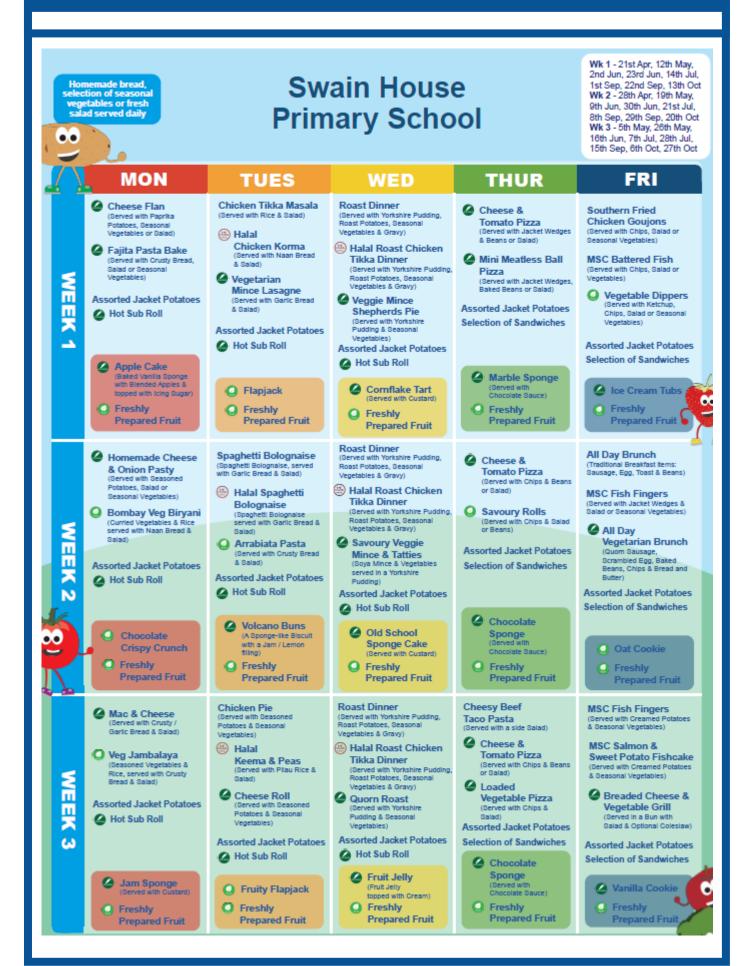
If you have any problems booking any of our before or after school clubs, please contact Miss Armitage, one of our learning mentors.

## **COMING UP THIS TERM**

#### ANY NEWLY ADDED ITEMS WILL BE IN BLUE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	28.04.25		Lowry Class visiting Eccleshill Library
Tuesday	29.04.25		Van Gogh Class visiting Eccleshill Library
Wednesday	30.04.25		Matisse Class visiting Eccleshill Library
Thursday	01.05.25		Kandinsky Class visiting Eccleshill Library
Tuesday	01.05.25	3.15pm – 6.00pm	Parents Evening
Monday	19.05.25		Elm Class visiting Eccleshill Library
Tuesday	20.05.25		Willow Class Visiting Eccleshill Library

# MENU 28/04/25



# NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week, our 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is about 'Making Friends Online'.

