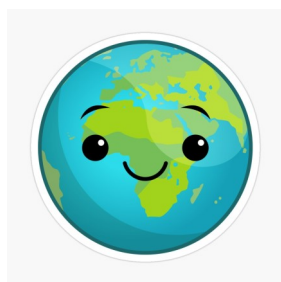




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Brightling Class

Year 5 / 6

2021-2022

Dear Parents/guardians

We hope you've all had a fantastic Christmas break. The children have come back to school ready to learn and we can't wait to see the fantastic work they produce.

This year our team consists of:

Class teacher—Mrs Bloom (Mon—Weds)

- Miss Hickman-Smith (Thurs-Fri)

Teaching assistant—Mrs Langley

Our learning journey for this term is: **Happy Planet Happy Us**

This topic takes a geography focus and we will be looking at human geography. We will explore the way humans impact the environment around them as well as comparing and contrasting different places. We will also look at the work of Fairtrade and find out more about how they support the planet.

The children will find this term hopefully enjoyable but hard work! There is a lot to do and a lot to learn. The weekly homework will continue and will focus on number fluency, spelling and daily reading. These might seem basic but they really do make a big difference and your support is much appreciated. Homework is set on a Thursday and should be returned by the following Tuesday.

As well as supporting learning it's also our job to start to prepare the children for their next big adventure at secondary school. Part of this is developing greater independence and responsibility. Please encourage your children to be responsible for their PE kit - it should be in school at all times but our PE lessons take place on a **Friday**. They will not be allowed to take part if they do not have full kit (t-shirt/shorts or joggers/ trainers or plimsolls).

It is also really important that your child brings their reading book and reading journal to school everyday. This is also great practise for remembering the correct items for secondary school and they are already getting very good at it.

We're looking forward to a fun and exciting term!

If you have any concerns or worries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Bloom and Miss Hickman—Smith

English

In English we will be looking at narrative this term and writing our own fantasy stories based on the book *The Nowhere Emporium*. We will then look at non-fiction and think about how speeches are written to persuade and inform. We will be placing a huge focus on accuracy and editing will be an important part of our learning.

Presentation and handwriting are also a focus and we will be working on ensuring our handwriting is joined and neat.

Just a quick reminder about reading, although we are now at the top end of the school, reading still remains vitally important to all children. Please try to hear your child read for 10 minutes per night. If you cannot hear them read please ask them questions not only about what they have read and what they think will happen.

Mathematics

In mathematics we will be looking at multiplication and division. We will be ensuring the children are confident with mental methods as well as teaching more formal written methods. We will then be focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages.

We will have a big focus on knowing number facts with rapid recall and ensuring the children are confident with their times tables facts. Knowing these facts is invaluable in children being able to confidently access their maths learning in our class and beyond.

Science

Our science this term will focus on evolution and inheritance. This will involve finding out more about how living things have changed over time and how they have adapted for specific environments.

Computing

Over the course of the following term, we will be focusing on continue to develop your child's understanding on internet safety including how to report anything online if they are feeling unsafe. The children will also be focusing on looking at "Creating Media" and more specifically around video's alongside how to plan, create and edit their own videos. This will help develop their skills around using technology safely whilst being a fun experience for them and having ownership over their own videos.

Music

All the learning in term is focused around one song: *Make You Feel My Love*. The children will focus on the elements of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), singing and playing instruments are all linked. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other Pop Ballads.

PE

This term the focus will be on invasion games and dance. We will explore these games looking at strategies, techniques and good practice. We will also look at how exercise can help us keep our heart and body healthy and how we can challenge ourselves to get fitter.

RSHE

This term the children will be learning about 'My Beliefs'. Pupils will know the correct terms associated with gender identity and sexual orientation and the unacceptability of homophobic and transphobic bullying.

RE

Within RE the children will gain a knowledge and understanding about different religions, how they view social and moral issues and how we can use their teachings to make our own lives better. This term our key questions is What makes peoples beliefs similar or different? We will compare some creation stories from a range of faiths. After half term we will look at Easter and ask the key question What did Jesus do to save human beings?

DT

Our focus in DT this term is textiles. We will look at how different materials are made and link this to our topic by finding out more about the sustainability of these materials. We will then aim to design and make our own recycled shopping bags.

Art

Our Art focus this term will use nature to give us inspiration for our art work. We will explore artists who are inspired by the natural world. Then we will go on to look at and experiment with different ways to create our own art work, including printing.

Modern Foreign Languages

In French Mrs Dipple will be looking at art. The children will be talking about famous works of art and some of their own. They will learn to describe colour and shape as well as discussing their likes and dislikes.