

Bodle Street 2025-26 Spring Term

Dear parent/guardian(s),

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful time celebrating Christmas and welcoming the New Year. Thank you for all of the cards and gifts we received at the end of last term.

Our new topic for the term is Blue Planet which will see us take a closer look at the world and animals around us.

Firstly, reintroduce you to the Bodle Street Team as we have had many changes recently. Miss Black will continue teaching on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Hardwicke will be teaching Thursday and Friday, covering Mrs Nguyen whilst she is on maternity leave. Mrs Mizen and Ms Egan continue as our fantastic classroom assistants. Miss Stait and Mrs Smith will also be working in our class. Mr Cruden, our student teacher, will also be continuing with us this term. He made a positive start in our class before Christmas and looks forward to working with us for a bit longer.

For PE this term, we will have swimming lessons every Thursday. Please ensure children bring their swimming costumes, swimming hats and goggles.

The children should find this term enjoyable and consistent after lots of change and events last term however we will continue to work hard. We still have a lot to cover and a lot to do, homework plays a vital role in this. Homework will continue and be a big focus this term. Math will be set via maths.co.uk each Tuesday – some children will have multiple year groups set. They should complete the youngest year group first and then attempt the next year group if they managed well. If they struggle, they should just aim to complete the youngest year group. Children will also have Spelling Bee words sent home to learn – they are to practice these and then let a member of staff know when they are ready to be tested. Homework is set to support, consolidate and extend the children's understanding and knowledge. If anyone has any questions or concerns about the homework, please feel free to contact us.

Reading continues to be vitally important to all children. Children have access to books within the classroom which they can choose from to take home, along with their reading record, and bring back to school each day. Please try to encourage or 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. Please comment in their reading records about any problems or concerns. It is also really beneficial for children to experience being read to, so please try to find opportunities for this at home too.

As always, if you have any concerns, worries or observations please do not hesitate to contact us, we are always available. Thank you for your support.

Miss Black/Mrs Hardwicke and the Bodle Street team

English

Term 3 will start with a school-wide writing week using the poem 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright. We will then write a suspense narrative based on 'The Wolves in the Walls' by Neil Gaiman and we will finish the term by writing a balanced argument about whether we should feed animals in National Parks.

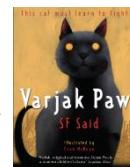
In Term 4, we will be writing a newspaper article and short narrative based on struggles faced by the world around us.



Reading

This term, we will continue reading our whole class text 'Varjak Paw' by S.F. Said. In these sessions, each child has a copy of the text and will take turns to read aloud 1-3 sentences, chosen to suit their ability.

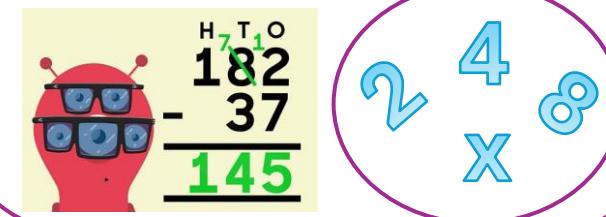
The rest of the class actively follow through the whole text. As we read, there will be pauses to answer questions and discuss what we are reading to build on the children's comprehension.



Maths

We will start Term 3 by recapping column addition from last term before starting our new unit on column subtraction. We will then work on the 2-, 4- and 8-times tables for the rest of the term, finding patterns and connections between them to support our recall.

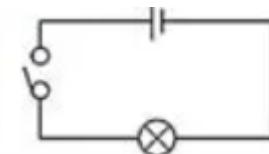
In Term 4, we will be focusing on understanding and manipulating multiplicative relationships.



Science

In Term 3, our focus is 'Living things and their habitats'. We will spend the first couple of weeks 'Grouping and Classifying Living Things' including data handling and classification keys for both plants and animals. We will then complete the unit by focusing on habitats and the impact of deforestation.

In Term 4, our focus will be 'Electricity' looking at and building our own circuits.



PE

Our PE focus this term will be swimming.

Every Thursday morning, the children will take a coach to the swimming pool. Please make sure your child brings their swimming costume, swimming hat, goggles and a towel in a separate named bag each week.



RE

In Term 3, we will be focusing on the religion of Judaism, enquiring 'why is Moses important to Jews and Christians?'

In Term 4, we will cover a unit of salvation with the focus of 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?



Art and DT

In Art (Term 3), we will be looking closely at the patterns on different animals and making our own tile prints of these.

In DT (Term 4), we will be using our circuit knowledge from our science to make a hands-free head lamp for dogs.



Computing

In Term 3, we will be focusing on sequencing sounds using the programming app Scratch. We will start by exploring with programming sprites before moving on to make an instrument.

In Term 4, we will look at how branching database can collect and present information.



PSHE

In Term 3, we will be focusing on wellbeing which will help us to identify helpful and important people, our values, 'thought gremlins', challenges and positive habits.

In Term 4, we will be covering Health Education which will focus on the importance of healthy eating, exercise and our safety with screen/online use and identifying hazards at home.



Geography

In Term 3, we will be focusing on locational knowledge in regard to the Earth. We will be locating the position and significance of many key areas including the equator, hemispheres, tropics of cancer and Capricorn and among others.

In Term 4, we will be working on our geographical skills and fieldwork. We will be using the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references as well as symbols and keys. We will use fieldwork to practice observing, measuring and recording.



History

This spring term, we will be having a very small history focus.

We will be researching local historical figure (Mad) Jack Fuller who was a member of parliament from Brightling in the 1700s.



Fishkeeper Fru

This spring, we have been given the opportunity to take part in Fishkeeper Fry. Our class will be given a tropical fish tank and fish to take care of. We will be following a programme of lessons, teaching us about our aquarium and sharing our work with the organisers which you may see featured on their Facebook page should you wish to follow along with us.

