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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year. It's lovely to read about the fun the children have had over their Christmas holiday. As ever we are straight back to routine and working on getting better all the time. Mr Collinson is now on his placement elsewhere and will return to our class after February half term.

### Reading

The children will read books which are appropriate to their reading level whilst in school, guided reading books are picked to practise particular skills and the children will be encouraged not only to learn to read words but develop a good understanding of the text they are reading.

Please practise reading with your child at home, this can be any reading on top of their scheme books. So far this term we have been slow to start with changing our books please remind your children that they need to put their books and journals in their buckets each morning. We check the journals to see if they have been signed and then change the book for the next in the scheme. I am really pleased to say that the children that have been reading regularly are making good progress and they are more able to access the comprehension papers with stronger understanding.

### Literacy

In Year 2 our literacy studies will focus on our topic Out and About. We have already begun to think about using different types of sentences in our writing. We are thinking about command sentences; how to use them and what punctuation to use.

We are continuing to think about our handwriting. We focus on this and year 2 spellings in the mornings as an entry task. Spellings will continue to be a key part of our homework and children will need to learn the year 1 and year 2 spellings.

### Maths

We are beginning the term by looking at positional and directional vocabulary and using this to support our geography. It would be great if you could help your children to practise by giving the instructions including anti-clockwise and clockwise as we need to learn this so that we can apply it.

In the next few weeks we will continue to think about number and will be thinking about addition and subtraction in more depth, then multiplication and division.



### **Science, RE and humanities**

Within our class topic work children will be thinking about landscapes and habitats. We will also be thinking about changes in weather and the effect this has. In music the children will be further improving their musical repertoire by using percussion instruments. Geography is a major focus of the topic and we will learn the continents and oceans of the world. We will also be learning to map the local area and think about this compares to other places.

### **ICT**

The children will be very busy becoming more conversant with computers and programming. They will be given opportunities to use Beebots, cameras, and microphones to enhance their learning, especially in literacy and maths. We will focus on internet safety and appropriate use of the internet.

### **Homework**

Homework will be set on Friday each week and mainly comprise of literacy and numeracy, but may include some topic work. Homework books need to be handed in by Wednesday so that the books can be marked and homework can be stuck in for the following week. Please remind the children that they need to put it in the drawer on time so that we can complete this task.

Although there are formal opportunities for you to come in and see what the children are doing and to ask questions, you may have queries or concerns at other times if so please call in at the end of the school day to talk to me. If you need to see me for a little longer please arrange an appointment. As learning begins at 8.45am the adults and I will be teaching at the beginning of the day if there is an urgent message please speak to the office staff and they will pass on a message when appropriate. Please leave your children at the door, they will quickly settle and we will support them on arrival.

Kind regards

Kate Maddison

## BROCKHOLES CE (C) J&I - OVERVIEW OF THEMATIC PLANNING

<p><b>Literacy / Numeracy Links</b>          Non-fiction text - instructions, information books, atlases          Rosie's walk Pat Hutchins          Poems based on a theme          Direction, movement and position.</p>	<p><b>History</b>          Canals.          History linked to the local area.</p>	<p><b>Geography</b>          UK based geography Where in the UK parts of British Isles          Capital cities, Local area mapping.          Local and familiar features and environment - woods, fields, hills, canals, rivers.          Seasonal and daily weather patterns UK          Mapping, local fieldwork</p>
<p><b>PHSCE / RE</b>          What improves and harms natural environment.          Events and celebrations.          Fire Safety          How do we make good choices          Special Books and Stories          Celebrating Special Occasions</p>	<p><b>Year: 2</b>  <b>Spring Term 2018</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Theme : Out and About</b></p>	<p><b>PE</b>          Ball Skills          Gymnastics          Dance</p> <p><b>Music</b>          Scottish and Irish folk music          British Isles traditional          Famous British composer.</p>
<p><b>DT / Art</b>          Observational drawing of world around us.          Collages - textures          Van Gogh - sunflowers.          David Hockney- landscapes.</p>	<p><b>Science</b>          Landscapes- different types(plants/environment)          Seasonal changes,          Weather patterns, storms          Deciduous and coniferous forests.</p>	<p><b>Computing</b>          Safer internet          Programming - Espresso Coding, Beebots.</p>