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**Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) Autumn Term**  
**Including Visit to Whitefield Moor, New Forest**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back! I hope you had a fantastic summer. Thank you for supporting your child in completing their home learning projects over the summer, everyone is loving sharing these with them. The team, Mrs Mayall, Mrs Emecz, Mrs Waite, Mrs Nyland and I, are really excited about the superb learning opportunities ahead, and are very encouraged by how well the children have returned following their summer break.

All this excitement will continue as we have our first adventure of the year on **Friday 20th September on our trip to Whitefield Moor.** This trip is in conjunction with the New Forest National Park Authority and will support the children in their learning about their local environment. Further information about this visit is on the attached letter.

**Healthy Schools**

Just a reminder that Bransgore is a 'Healthy School' and as such we support the government's initiative to help children and young people to grow healthily, safely and responsibly. If you choose to supply a snack for your child to enjoy at break time, I ask that it be a healthy nutritious snack and be accompanied by a bottle of water (not squash).

**Physical Education**

All children will have weekly indoor and outdoor PE sessions. It is important therefore that sports kits are always kept in school and in addition to the usual PE uniform please have a navy/black tracksuit for cold weather. Please ensure all kit is fully named so that it may be returned to your child if it is misplaced.

**Homework**

In addition to the new home reading scheme recently launched, each week the children will receive literacy and numeracy homework. We ask for your support in this as it is noticeable in the children's progress. Further details will be provided at the settling in meeting.

**Settling in Meeting**

We will shortly be inviting you to a settling in meeting to meet the children's new teachers and to outline plans for the year. This will be a great opportunity to meet other parents and for us to answer any questions you may have. Please watch for a whole school email regarding this.

We look forward to working with you and your children for another great year at Bransgore.

Aidan Richards  
Phase leader



**Curriculum Overview - Autumn Term**

<p><b>English</b>                  The children will begin by looking at poetry and the imagery within it. They will also look at narratives about the New Forest. As the term progresses they will look at historical texts and texts from different cultures as part of our Egyptian topic.                  In addition, Year 4 will explore the use of fronted adverbials and punctuation, including how to indicate possession by using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns and direct speech. In Year 3, they will be looking at how to punctuate direct speech and use powerful adverbial phrases.</p>	<p><b>Maths</b>                  Both year groups will be focussing on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number and place value</li> <li>• Number addition and subtraction</li> <li>• Number multiplication and division</li> </ul> <p>We will also focus on developing and applying the four number operations in word problems (multi-step), using problem solving and reasoning. We are helping pupils to select appropriate tools to assist their learning, including concrete apparatus and abstract bar models. In addition, we will continue to practise our times table daily. Please can we ask that you support the learning of times tables at home to increase fluency as this will really help your child in Maths, enabling them to develop even greater confidence.</p>	
<p><b>Art/DT</b>                  In our Egyptians Topic, we will be designing and making our very own Egyptian canopic jar, using clay. We will then evaluate our work, using both self and peer assessment. We will choose an Egyptian God/ Goddess, sketching to a given scale before using acrylic paints to add colour. In addition, we will be creating colour washes to depict Egyptian skylines before adding chosen silhouettes of famous landmarks.</p>	<p><b>RE</b>                  This half term the children will continue to learn about Christianity and people who follow God, beginning with Noah.</p>	<p><b>PE</b>                  In PE children will consolidate their bat and ball skills, improving their consistency of hitting skills. They will then engage in a range of target court games that encourage focused hitting and throwing. In Gymnastics, children will develop their core balance and stability, developing routines with a partner and in small groups.</p>
<p><b>Music</b>                  This term, in Music we will be exploring rhythmic patterns using percussion instruments, and performing a musical composition in groups linked to our Ancient Egyptian topic!</p>	<p><b>PSHCE</b>                  As the children settle into a new class and year group, they will consider the importance of becoming a class team and being a school citizen. This will involve them drawing up their Class Charters and looking at rights, responsibilities and democracy. They will also explore how their actions affect themselves and others.</p>	<p><b>French</b>                  This half term, we will be practising common phrases used in French to support the children's articulation and understanding of grammatical structure.</p>
<p><b>Geography/History</b>                  We will begin the term by looking at our local environment. The children will be learning about locations with historical significance within the New Forest and the history of Bransgore and our own school. They will develop an understanding of OS maps and their map reading skills. Following this we will move our topic learning onto the Egyptians. We will be learning about how and why the Egyptians built the pyramids. We will use our previously learnt map reading skills to locate Egypt and desert areas on a map, finding out how the seasons are different and how landscape affects how the land is used.</p>		



## Visit to Whitefield Moor, New Forest Years 3 & 4: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

In support of our local geography study on the New Forest, we will be visiting Whitefield Moor near Brockenhurst, on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Year 3 will go for the morning, and Year 4 will go in the afternoon.

The sessions will be led by the New Forest National Park Authority Education Team, who will help us identify how the New Forest has been affected by major events in history.

Please note the following:

- Year 3 will leave school at **9am and return to school at 1pm**
- Year 4 will leave school at **11am and return to school at 3pm**
- We are travelling by a coach provided by Laguna Coaches. The staff will ensure that all children are wearing their seat-belts.
- The visit will be led by Mrs Mayall, Mr Richards, Mrs Waite and other staff.
- The site will be open to the public during the visit, but children will be supervised at all times.
- Children should wear warm layers, long trousers and long sleeves, a waterproof coat and stout footwear, as the trip involves a fair bit of walking.
- Please provide a water bottle and a packed lunch in a back pack.
- We expect a high standard of behaviour from all children and we will employ the usual school's system of rewards and sanctions during the visit.
- The visit will go ahead whatever the weather, however, we will cut the day short if it is particularly cold or wet. Please provide hats, gloves, warm trousers (double layers), warm coats, and stout shoes/boots, as we will be outside all day.
- There will be access to toilets at the site

To cover the cost of the trip which includes coach travel we will be asking for **£2.40** per child. This is a voluntary contribution, however, if we do not receive enough contributions we will not be able to go ahead with this visit. We receive funding for any families eligible for Pupil Premium, so the cost for these pupils will be paid for from this funding.

Please complete the section on the slip attached to let us know if you would like to help with this trip, please note that all parent volunteers must be DBS cleared with the school.

Please return the permission slip and contribution **by Friday 13th September.**

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.

Kind regards

Year 3/4 Team



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Childs Name .....

Class .....

I give permission for my child to attend the trip

I enclose **£2.40**

**Medical Information:**

Any updated/additional medical information

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**Parent/Carer Help:**

I am available to help with trip

***Please note that all parent/carers volunteers must be DBS cleared with the school.***

Parent Helper Name .....

Signed ..... Date .....