

Bramble Infant School & Nursery

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YEAR ONE TOPIC LETTER

Dear Parents,

Our topic for next half-term is called '**An Island Home**' a geographical topic enabling the children to link their learning to where we live and the rest of the United Kingdom.

Week 1 – **Where in the world is Bramble Infant school?**

To introduce our topic we will be looking at where our school is and what it looks like from above. The children will be looking at maps and Google Earth to identify where Portsmouth and Southsea and then our school are located. We will be looking at and drawing aerial views of the school.

Week 2 – **What on Earth is an Island?**

This week we shall be looking at the features of an island both natural and man-made. We shall be considering our own Portsea Island and comparing it to other islands around the world considering their climate, landscape and location.



Week 3 – **Portsmouth! An Island???**

In week 3 we will be looking in detail at Portsmouth and the surrounding areas of Southsea and the Isle of Wight. As designers we will be thinking about how to create our own islands and we will begin to make them!

Week 4 – **Where in the World are we?**

During week 4 we will be identifying and locating where Portsmouth is within the United Kingdom as well as learning the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and its surrounding waters. If you have any traditional artefacts from England, Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales and would be willing to share them, please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible.



Week 5 – **Hot, Hot, Hot!**

In week 5 we will be finding out about islands in warmer climates around the world. The children will use the laptops to find out information about the island they want to explore. We will be packing a suitcase with appropriate clothing to visit a tropical island. We will be completing and reviewing our islands.



You are invited to '**Come and see Year One**' at **2.45pm on Wednesday 7th February 2018**, when you will have an opportunity to see the islands the children have made and some of the work they have been doing.

We will also be arranging a trip to the Spinnaker Tower; more details will be provided next half term!

How you can help...

- Go to the library to research Portsmouth as an Island.
- Visit different areas within and surrounding Portsmouth and note their geographical manmade and natural differences.
- Make a collection of natural resources from the places you visit and bring them into school, such as shells or interesting pebbles.
- Look at maps/globes and find the four countries which make up Great Britain.

Other dates for your diary.

Early Bird Reading will change to Friday mornings for next half term.

Monday 15th January 2018 – Year One Family Breakfast

Friday 19th January 2018 – Writing workshop for parents

Wednesday 7th February 2018 – Come and see Year One

Thursday 8th February 2018 – Come and see your child's books

Further details on all events to follow.

Thank you for your continuing support.

The Year One Team

Mrs Bev Brown - Year One Leader/Maple Class Teacher

Mrs Mayell-Thomas - Beech Class Teacher