

# Bramble Infant School & Nursery

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Dear Parents,

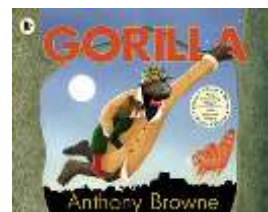
We are looking forward to another exciting half-term with lots of fantastic learning opportunities. This half-term our topic is '**Into the Woods.**' This is a topic that has a growing focus as well as a chance to read lots of traditional stories which will highly engage the children.

## Week 1: **Into the Forest**

This week, we shall be introducing the story 'Into the Forest.' We shall also be making links with the traditional story 'Little Red Riding Hood' which will be a thread we will continue to return to throughout the topic. We shall also be focusing upon the different parts of a plant as well as looking at differences between seeds and bulbs. We shall be growing bean seeds and keep a diary to understand more fully some of the changes that occur over time.

## Week 2: **Book Week**

This week will be our **Book Week** at school and the children will be dressing up as a favourite character from a story on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018**. We shall be focusing upon the author Anthony Browne and finding out facts about him. Please see the previous letter about Book Week which includes exciting events such as the 'Book Swap,' 'Spellathon' and 'Bedtime Story.'



## Week 3: **The Tale of...David Attenborough?**

This week, we are going to focus upon the life of David Attenborough and we shall be considering the impact naturalist David Attenborough has had and continues to do with his fascinating studies of the natural world. As naturalists we shall be going to



the **Rose Garden** in Southsea on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018** and discussing the habitat and how it benefits both plants and the creatures who live there. We shall be making a simple map of a garden and we will also use some of the images we see to begin a design and technology

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project which will produce an exciting and appealing product! This week, we shall also be holding our 'Come and See Afternoon' which will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 2.45 pm. This half-term there will be another project which we would like the children to prepare in readiness for this exciting event. Please read the letter about this in order to understand the task and learning involved.

## Week 5/6: The Global Garden

We shall be mapping the rainforests of the world and their importance in maintaining our global environment. There will also be opportunities for the children to understand the location of the rainforests in relation to the Equator. We are also hoping to take the children on a trip to Staunton Country Farm Park in Havant during this period of time! Please look out for further information!



- Get growing! Plant seeds and bulbs in readiness for the summer and watch how they change and grow over time. Hyacinths and daffodils can be bought for very reasonable prices in all the big supermarkets at the moment and you can have fun watching them bloom. When they die, don't forget to plant them outside in readiness for next year!
- How many spring flowers can you spot? There are daffodils, crocuses and tulips budding all over Portsmouth - some in some very unexpected places! Look out for spring flowers on roundabouts, edges of the road and those that are planted in strange containers!
- Share stories by Anthony Browne and spend time looking at his amazing illustrations which often have links to some of his other stories or traditional stories.
- Read or share together as many versions of Little Red Riding Hood as you can as well as stories about wolves. The Preston Pig stories by Colin McNaughton are great fun as well as Mr Wolf's Pancakes by Jan Fearnley.
- Find out about rainforests around the world and the key layers of the rainforest as well as the animals that depend upon the plant life there.



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Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - Year Two trip to the Rose Garden in Southsea

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - Year Two 'Come and See Afternoon' @ 2.45 pm

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 - Year Two trip to Staunton Country Farm Park

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 - 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm Parents Evening

We hope you are looking forward to this half-term and will be able to engage with a number of activities that are available this half term! Thank you for your unfailing support that is so important for your children on their academic journey.

Mrs Fiona Shellard

Mrs Emma Hobday

Willow Class Teacher

Hazel Class Teacher

Year Two Team Leader

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