

Bramble Infant School & Nursery
Year R Topic Letter



Dear Parents,

We hope you all had an enjoyable half-term break with your family. We are so pleased with how the children have settled and are enjoying school life! Now the children are becoming more confident and are familiar with the school routines please help them be independent in the mornings by letting them hang coats and put book bags and homework in the boxes and lunchboxes on the trolley by themselves.

We have a busy half-term planned so please read carefully and note down important dates in your diaries!

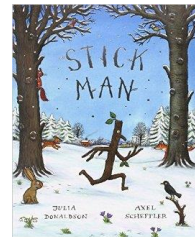
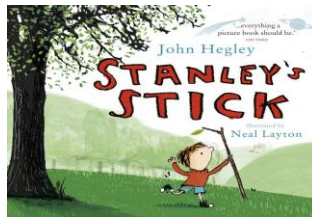
Learning Journeys

We would like to say a big thank you for bringing back your '*Learning Journey Home Contribution Sheet -Marvellous Me*' – we all had fun sharing the pictures and information! Thank you to all those parents who have been uploading photographs and comments onto Tapestry. If you haven't yet had a notification from Tapestry please check your junk email or speak to the admin staff in the school office.



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This half-term our topic is **Fantasticks !**



Following our focus last half-term on growing and trees our focus texts this half-term are 'Stanley's Stick' and 'Stickman'. We will be doing all sorts of fun activities related to sticks – some of which are planned by us and some of which we know the children are going to invent! We will also be visiting Milton Park on Tuesday 13th November – You have already completed a local visits consent form but please let us know if you do not wish your child to go on this outing.

Bonfire Night and Diwali

We will be talking about fire and firework safety. The children will be looking at the story of Rama and Sita, exploring the symbolism of this Hindu festival of light and investigating other sources of light. This Year Diwali is on Wednesday 7th November. During this week we will take the children in small groups to sit around a fire outside



Christmas

Yes it's nearly that time already!! The children will be having lots of opportunities to explore Christmas crafts, traditions and preparations; learning about the meaning of Christmas and reading 'The Christmas Story'. They will be performing in a Year R Nativity 'A Miracle in Town' – on *Monday 10th December at 1.30 and Tuesday 11th December at 9.30* More details to follow later

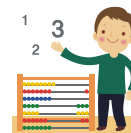
On *Wednesday 19th December* we would like to invite you in for Christmas lunch with your child. Each child can have up to 2 family members to eat with them! More details to follow.

On *Thursday 20th December* there will be a pocket money stall where your child can choose a small gift for a family member – more details to follow.



Mathematics

Mathematics sessions this half term will focus on number, skills - identifying numbers to 5, 10, 20 +, ordering and counting objects. We will also be learning about 2d and 3d shapes, sequencing and pattern, positional language and comparing length and height.



Homework

Just a reminder about the Jolly Phonics sound books, maths challenge cards and reading books and diaries:

All of the above come home in book bags each **Friday** to be returned the following **Wednesday**. Both classes have a 'homework box' where all completed homework should be placed.

Uniform

Please, please, please make sure your child's school uniform is **clearly named**; especially jumpers, t-shirts and coats and P.E kit! We have already had lots of problems with unnamed clothing! Please ensure your child has a book bag in school every day.

Milk

Milk is free until the end of the month in which your child is five. If you wish your child to continue having milk please see the leaflet in your school handbook that you were given before your child started school.



Daily Supervised Toothbrushing

THE BRUSH BUS IS COMING TO SCHOOL!

We will be starting brushing every day after lunchtime play this week.



Class Book Libraries

Remember the children can choose a book to take home from the Class Libraries. Please sign the books in and out in the log book.

Thank you all for a great start to the year! We look forward to a busy, fun filled half-term!

The Year R Team

Diary Dates

Tuesday 13th November – Yr R Trip to Milton Park – Stick hunting! Parent helpers needed

Please speak to your child's teacher if you can help.

Friday 16th November – Oak Class Assembly – 2.30 school hall – parents invited

Friday 16th November – Children in Need Day

– Wear your Spots- children can wear spots for £ 1 donation !

Friday 23rd November – Elm Class Assembly – 2.30 school hall – parents invited

Friday 23rd November – Fish and Chips and Quiz night – for staff parents and friends – no children!

Friday 7th December – Christmas Disco 4.30 – 5.30 Yr R 5.30 – 6.30 Yr 1 and 2.

Monday 10th December – Yr R Nativity – 2.15 pm

Tuesday 11th December – Yr R Nativity – 9.30 am

Wednesday 19th December – Yr R Family Christmas Lunch - parents invited

Thursday 20th December – Christmas pocket money stall.

