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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term 2022 at Brecknock. This final term of the academic year is filled with many exciting projects, themes and activities. We will be enjoying the warmer weather and venturing outside for a host of community and sporting events. In addition, our whole school theme, *Time to talk; time to change* continues. We will also be continuing our Inside Out: Proud to Share community art installation and taking part in a whole school project called The World Reimagined.

Bridging the two half terms, we have an exciting whole school STEAM project, working with Sean Roderigo, Camden Beeline, and other partnerships to ensure fantastic outcomes for the children and community. We will also be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the end of this half term.

This letter and curriculum leaflet gives further information regarding this term's learning. You will be updated regularly through the newsletter, website and school twitter feed @BrecknockSchool.



Attendance

Ted and Earl will be on the lookout for good attendance and prompt school arrival this term. We will be celebrating consistent and improved attendance as well as time-keeping in our weekly, Star of the Week assemblies. Attendance at school is essential for all children, to support their academic development and wellbeing. We continue to work towards **our attendance target of 97%**.

Our target is to ensure that all children access their right to education. With the summer months and warmer weather we hope that there is less illness in order to ensure the best possible attendance at school. **We encourage you to monitor your child's attendance using Parent Hub to ensure their attendance remains excellent. Please ensure you download the Parent Hub App to access your child's profile.**

Rights Respecting Children

As a **Gold Rights Respecting school**, we consistently focus on the rights of the child and how these help us to develop an understanding of respect and empathy for others. We will continue to use our values when talking about positive behaviour expectations around the school. We are also reviewing our Behaviour Policy and communication about parental involvement in this has already been shared.



In class, the children are praised for excellent work, participation and following the class charter and whole school values. Children are rewarded with stickers linked to the school value they have demonstrated. These values are celebrated during our weekly special achievement assemblies.

Learning in Year 2

The **attached curriculum leaflet** gives you an overview of the learning that will be taking place this term in your child's year group. Through our Science topic we will be learning about how different seeds disperse. They will also label the different parts of a plant and their purpose. They then will write instructions on how to care for a plant and observe how seeds grow into mature plants. Through our Geography topic about Features of the Local Area, they will learn about points of a compass and how to use directional language. They will also complete a field study and observe local landmarks such as Regent's Canal and Hampstead Heath.

All classes will use **Brecknock Timelines** and **Knowledge Mats** to support children to learn, remember and recall key facts about the Great Fire of London and Rosa Parks and her role in the Civil Rights movement.

Trips

We are delighted to be able to plan and take children on a range of educational trips once again. All trips will be risk assessed and you will be informed about them in advance. Linking in with our Geography topic this term, we will be taking trips to Regent's Canal and Hampstead Heath. Parents and guardians will be informed when the dates are confirmed.

Communication

We send the majority of the schools communications via email, including the newsletter which is sent every Thursday and uploaded to the school website. Letters for trips, dinner money and anything in relation to finance is sent via your ParentPay account. We also send short messages that we need to communicate with you quickly through the Parent Hub app.

The school **gates open at 8:50am** in order for lessons to **start at 9.00am**. **Please ensure you follow the one way systems in place to allow for social distancing.**

Home Learning

Homework	<p>Homework at Brecknock is given through Google Classroom. Children have been set up in their Google Classrooms for 2021-22 and homework will be set online. Children have been issued their login details, however, if your child is struggling to access from home, please come and speak to a member of the team and we can reissue.</p> <p>Homework books are available if children prefer to do their homework in this way but we would encourage the use of Google Classroom. Quizzes will be set on Wednesday and must be returned to class, or completed online, by Monday morning.</p> <p>Differentiated spelling tests will take place on Thursdays.</p> <p>In KS1 the children will continue to learn poems and songs regularly as this will help develop their oracy skills. We will share these with you as your child may enjoy performing them for you.</p> <p>We also expect children to read every day at home and to fill out their Reading Records.</p>
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<p>Reading</p> 	<p>Parental and guardian support is hugely important for developing reading skills, confidence and understanding. Even if children are independent readers, we still encourage parents to read with them or listen to them and discuss the books they are reading, talk about what happens in the story and what is in the pictures.</p> <p>In Year 1 and 2 children need to read at home for around 10 minutes a day. Your child will take home a book for sharing, which we encourage them to change regularly. Your child will also take home one levelled book each week. Your child should be able to read almost all the words (95%) independently to you.</p> <p>To help the teachers understand what and how often children are reading, we ask that you, complete their reading record at least twice a week with a simple comment such as 'I/She enjoyed this book because...' 'It was funny when...' or I/She learned the meaning of the word.../struggled with the word.</p>
<p>Phonics</p> 	<p>Phonics and spelling lessons take place daily in Year 1 and 2 and form the foundations for learning to read and write. Your child receives a list of the sounds they are learning each week. Please practise these sounds at home. We recommend spending around 5 minutes per day. When you feel that your child confidently knows all of the sounds and tricky words, please let the class teacher know. They will then celebrate this with your child.</p>
<p>Fluency in maths</p> 	<p>Knowing number facts is an important tool to enable your child to feel confident in maths. Revising number facts, including counting in twos, fives and tens, is an easy way to support your child's progress in mathematics and we encourage children to revise them regularly.</p> <p>Learning number bonds to ten, twenty and one hundred fluently (e.g. $9+1=10$, $5+5=10$) and starting to tell the time are key skills for Key Stage 1. Through their weekly homework, children will be given strategies and activities to support them. Children will also be encouraged to login into online maths resources such as 'Times Table Rockstars', 'My Maths' or 'Doodle Maths'. Their login details for specific website resources will be sent home.</p>
<p>New words</p> 	<p>Direct vocabulary teaching takes place every day. On a Friday, children choose one of their new words to wear on a sticker. We encourage you to speak to your child about their chosen word each week as this will help them to deepen their understanding of the word and to develop their oracy skills.</p>

Homework, spelling books, reading books and reading records should be kept in a book bag as these are used/referred to regularly in class.

PE

PE will take place every **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Children **will not be changing for PE** so please ensure they wear appropriate clothes for physical activity on these days, including trainers. Please note, we have and will **continue to do a Daily Mile**, so it is important that children wear appropriate footwear daily.

Please see below, a list of key dates. These will be updated when necessary and we will share any updated via the newsletter and the notice board by the school office. As always, we are available at pickup to discuss any queries at the end of each school day.

Kind regards,

Adam and Annie

Key term dates—Summer term 2022		
Date	Event	Time
Tuesday 26th April	RH Synagogue trip	2.15 - 3.15pm
Wednesday 27th April	RR Synagogue trip	2.15 - 3.15pm
Monday 2nd May	Early May Bank Holiday	School Closed for all children
Thursday 5th May	Whole class photos	All Day
Friday 6th May	Reception class trip to the Science Museum	All Day
Monday 9th - Friday 13th May	KS2 SATs week	All Day
Friday 13th May	Eid Celebration	3.30pm - 4.30pm
Monday 16th - Friday 20th May	KS1 SATs week	All Day
Tuesday 24th May	Sports Day for Years 2 - 6	All Day
Thursday 26th May	Last Day of the half term	School Finishes at 3.30pm
Friday 27th May - Friday 3rd June	Half Term	School Closed for all children
Monday 6th June	INSET DAY	School Closed for all children
Tuesday 7th June	Children Return to school	8.50am
Wednesday 8th June	School Council trip to Parliament	All Day
Friday 10th June	Reception class trip to London Zoo	All Day
Tuesday 14th June	Year 3 trip to London Zoo	All Day

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Friday 24th - Monday 27th June	Year 6 residential trip to PGL Windmill Hill	All Day
Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th July	Year 5 residential trip to Debham House	All Day
Friday 15th July	Last day for afterschool clubs	
Wednesday 20th July	Last day of the term	School closes at 2pm
Thursday 21st - Friday 22nd July	Inset Days	School close to all children