



# Braunston C.E. Primary School

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So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

As we come to the end of the term, we can celebrate in our many successes, thoughtful actions and our strong partnerships. Thank you for your support in responding proactively to the elevated rates of infection of confirmed COVID cases, particularly in year 3. This is something we are going to have to continue to navigate together, and although government guidance is to continue to send children into school, I know that this causes concerns amongst the school community. Please be assured we risk assess continually. No matter the changes that need to occur, the school continues to follow the curriculum mapped out and despite increasing staff shortages, we remain determined to offer consistency and offer the best teaching and learning provision that we can.

Thank you for all the harvest donations that we received. These items have been taken to community groups that we know support our school community. Children participated in a Harvest service and understand the importance of sharing what we have. Reception children amazed us all with their harvest paintings and it was delightful to see their faces as the other year groups praised their work.





Teachers are finding many opportunities to work outside and this will continue next term. During play times and lunch times children are being encouraged to be active and we have increased the amount of equipment available to them.



### **Reception Class – Inkpen**

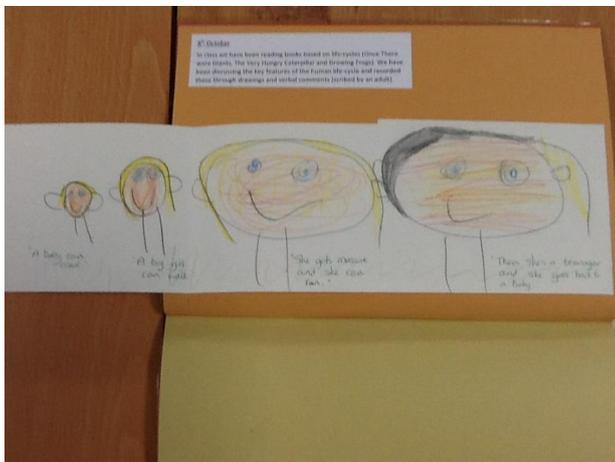
During the last couple of weeks in Reception, we have been super busy continuing learning more of our letter sounds and learning how to blend them to read and write words. This is a really tricky skill but we have tried really hard and are making good progress with this. We are starting to include some independent writing into our play, which has been amazing to see! In maths, we have learnt what a repeating pattern is and have made our own through rhymes, music and by using objects. We have been developing our drawing skills by doing some pen observational work of some of the food that has been kindly donated for Harvest. We will be using water colour paints to wash over our pen work. The children have loved logging onto Purple Mash and using the mouse pad to manipulate the cursor around the screen to complete some online games!



**Why do you think he is wearing a mask?**  
 He might be investigating. He was going to get people's toys with his mask so they can't see him get the toys and then just disappears!

Minnie.

Independent writing through small world play with the dinosaurs.



**How do you know the blue ribbon is the shortest?**  
 'Cause the other one there's a little bit longer at the end!

Abigail.

Look at my watch! I made it and used my sticker to hold it together. I'm going to get a real watch for Christmas!

Jackson.

Human Life-cycle work.

**Class Donaldson -Class 1**

We have worked so hard this term and are becoming excellent mathematicians. We have learnt how to break numbers apart and put them back together in different ways. In English, we enjoyed writing sentences after reading The Paper Dolls by Julia Donaldson. We even had a go at making our own! Our phonics sessions are going really well and we have been introduced to the Read, Write Inc. reading books. During our computing sessions, we have looked at how to stay safe online. We have also been creating our own avatar. This was great fun! We have now finished our design technology sessions. We enjoyed making and testing our carts.

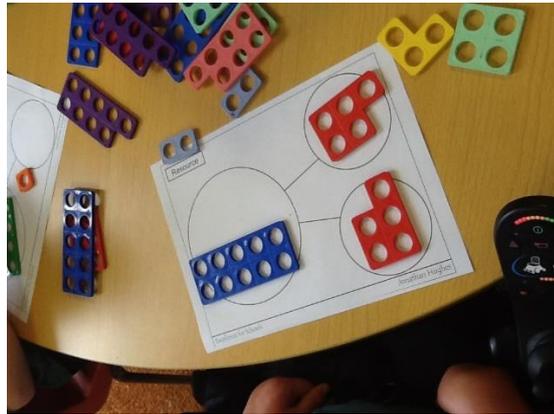
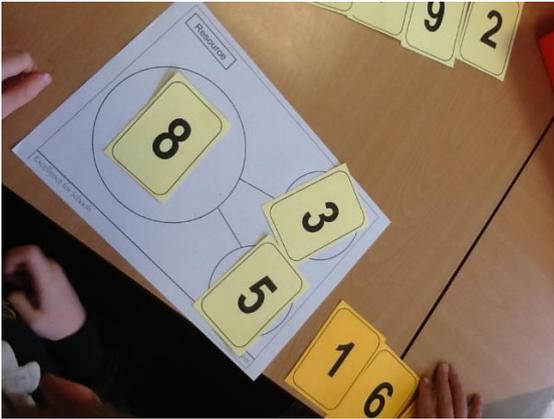
I am enjoying maths and I am trying my best. May

I love drawing on Purple Mash!  
 Lincoln



I enjoyed trying out different wheels before I made my cart. Freya

Our cart crashed down the hill. We had to fix it! Leo



## Class 2

Class 2 have had a totally brilliant week because on Monday we went on our long-awaited trip to Warwick Castle. The children started with a session with the Education Officer all about how armies tried to break into the castle and then watched the castle bowman use his long bow. During our picnic lunch we watched an amazing display of falconry and we ended our day by walking the ramparts. The spiral staircases proved a challenge for some, but we all conquered the high tower in the end!

The children were exemplary throughout and the education officer praised how much knowledge they were able to recall from their learning.

Well done Class 2!

Mya-Poppy  
'I was scared of heights before I went to Warwick Castle but now I love them!'

Florence  
'I loved finding out about the arrows and the bow. I liked how the arrows fitted into the string of the bow and it was really good when the bowman hit the target.'

Zachary  
'I found out about the murder holes and the killing zone near the drawbridge and portcullis of the castle. The birds swooping over our heads was my favourite part.'



### Class Jamila -Class 3

Since our last newsletter, Year 3 have been very busy on their learning adventure into the Stone Age. We have been using a range of materials to reproduce cave paintings of prehistoric animals. We have been writing instructions on how to clean our dirty Stone Age beasts.

In maths, we have been adding and subtracting 2 and 3 digit numbers using our floor area as a practical, giant place value grid. We have all enjoyed physically moving the numbers around on the grid to help us solve the calculations. We carried out an outdoor noun hunt (dodging rain showers) so that we could work out the determiners we needed to use.

Despite an unsettled week, our learning has continued as normal and included Ukulele lessons and basketball too.

I like maths because I find it tricky but I didn't give up and my teachers helped me to understand it. Scarlet

I like the different teachers as they are good at different things. James



I like learning about the Stone Age. I love having fun with learning history.  
Alice

### Class Morpurgo – Class 4

Year 4 have been working extremely hard with their writing this term. They have been researching famous London landmarks such as Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London. The children have enjoyed learning about the gruesome history of the Tower of London. The children have been using their research to write a non-chronological report about the Tower of London. We have been using expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and conjunctions within our writing. Mrs Oliver and Mr Pryce have been amazed with the quality of the writing - well done Year 4!

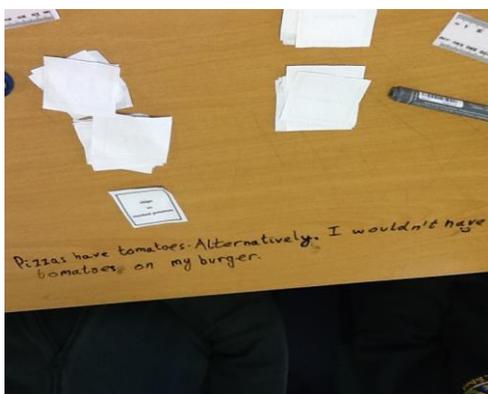


## Class Rowling - Class 5

It has been a very busy few weeks in Class Rowling with all the children working hard and showing how well they have risen to the challenge of being in year five. In maths, we have been working on addition and subtraction, through which we solved some very challenging multi-step calculations. In English, we have been continuing with our text, Beowulf, and have just completed our unit of work on newspapers. We have been reporting through writing as well as through speaking. Through both these tasks, we have enjoyed drama activities as well as games and written tasks too. Developing our knowledge further of the Anglo-Saxons, we have found out about their homes, village life and their views on religion. In science, we have developed our investigational skills through planning and carrying out investigations about different forces we have researched. Continuing with Jon Bon Jovi's, 'Living on a Prayer' in Music, we attempted to sing it with accompaniment on the glockenspiels. We have a group of children representing our class at a Rugby tournament at the end of the week and we are hoping they do well applying skills learnt in PE.

I am really looking forward to the Rugby tournament. Some of us play out of school so we should do well.  
Callum

I enjoyed the relay games we played in English to learn word types. It was the best lesson ever!  
Javier



I have really settled now into year 5 and like the challenges. I am pleased with how much I have learnt and got better at.  
Belles

## Class Horowitz -Class 6

Year 6 have experienced another busy fortnight. Following our virtual author visit, they have been developing characters and crafting storylines. There have been so many impressive pieces of writing that have been produced to bring a character to life off the page.

In maths we have been working on division and have been using place value counters to really explore what happens when we exchange or 'carry' in a division calculation; these have helped us to solve some much harder problems too!

We have been embracing the autumn weather and still took our PE lessons outside this week despite the rain. We ran a mile together; the whole class achieved this as we paced ourselves and made sure that we left no one behind. We are proud of how we supported and encouraged each other's success.

One last item...in the week where many children have received their 11+ results, we would like to remind all of your lovely children, that we teach, that a test can never measure how unique, special and incredible they all are. Their individual talents and personalities stretch beyond one measure and we want to celebrate and embrace these. Congratulations to all of you in the class for giving your all every day in lots of different and individual ways. Keep shining Year 6...you certainly keep us smiling each day!

Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Playground Behaviour & Top Table Awards
	8.10.21	15.10.21	8.10.21	15.10.21	
R	Evie-Grace	Grace	Van	Leah	Gracie
1	May	Blake	Isaac	Darcie	
2	Amanat	Lottie	George	Ellie	
3	Sonny	James	Annaliese	Ayla	Lily, Sonny, Joshua
4	Pippa	Merin	Charlie	Zack	
5	Jessica	Noah	Lacey	Alfie	Freddie, Albert
6	Brooke	Nicole	Oscar	Abby	
<u>Best Attendance 6 &amp; R Abis the Ape visits the class with the Best Attendance (Abis stands for always being in school)</u>					

Pupil of the Week & Value		
	22.10.21	22.10.21
R	Dexter	Minnie
1	Lucas	Sophia
2	Florence	Ava
3	Alice	Whole Class
4	Billy	Fearne
5	Bells	Dylan
6	Willow	Charlie

Best Attendance 2 Abis the Ape visits the class with the Best Attendance (Abis stands for always being in school)

Happy half-term holiday. Stay safe.

With best wishes

Lianna Willis

Headteacher