

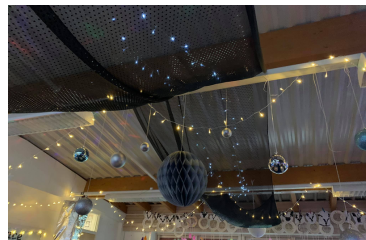
THE BROOK BROADCAST

DOING THE HOKEY COKEY!

This week very much felt like we were doing the 'Hokey Cokey'. First we were in, then we were out and now we are a bit in and a bit out.

It was lovely to see the majority of our children coming back into school on Monday after the Christmas break. They were simply so excited to be back in school and as they entered their classrooms you could hear squeals of delight coming from up and down the corridors.

The classrooms all looked amazing and were designed to fully immerse the children in their learning. Year Two discovered that they were going to join 'Space School' and were surrounded by the stars and planets; whilst Year One found that there was a large hot air balloon in the corner of their classroom and could not wait to find out more. In Reception the children found a very large steam train waiting between their classroom doors and inside they discovered a large bus that they could play in and a railway station. In Nursery meanwhile, the children found that they had the 'Owlets Autos' ready for car maintenance and they had plenty of construction zones for all of the diggers and dumper trucks.



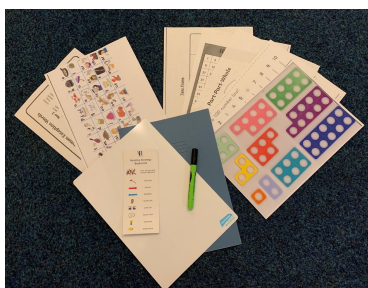
HOME LEARNING

All families at home should have heard from us about home learning by the end of Tuesday. We are all working on the Tapestry platform (as we have increased our license to accommodate the extra families) and everyone should either have already had an account or had information about how to activate or access it. If at any point you need some support with this platform, simply contact us and we can help you.

We are committed to supporting our home learners as much as we can because as you know the curriculum is continuing and so there is plenty of fresh learning to be acquired. The sequence we are sending the work in is important as we design it to build on from the children's current knowledge and then enable them to deepen their understanding bit by bit.

We have considered that some of our families may not have easy access to writing materials and whiteboards, etc. Therefore on Monday between 09:30 and 11:30, we will place outside of school (next to the pathway into school) equipment that may be of use and we ask that families come along, perhaps whilst on a local walk, to collect the following:

- a whiteboard with a whiteboard pen;
- a blue blank A4 exercise book;
- a 100 square;
- a part-part-whole diagram;
- a 1-100 number line that can cut and stuck together;
- a 1-10 cardboard set of Numicon which can be cut out;
- a reading strategy bookmark;
- a phoneme chart (Year One and Two only as Reception had one previously sent);
- a common exception words list (Year One and Two only);
- a tens frame (Year One and Two only);
- a little yellow book (Reception only for their letter formation).



We are asking for **all families to maintain strict social distancing and to wear face coverings when on site.** We will lay out the equipment on **year group labelled tables** and we ask that parents **only pick their pile of equipment marked with their child's name.** There will be no need to handle anything but the pile you are collecting.

We are hoping this will help with your home learning. We are suggesting that the children record all home learning in their blue blank exercise books so that all learning is in one place and you do not drown in paper. Within our teaching, we may well ask children to 'have a go' on their whiteboards as children like that you can rub things out and have another go. The other resources are there to support the children with the learning that they will be engaged in over time and teachers may well refer to these resources in their films.

CALLING ALL NURSERY CHILDREN!

This is the last call for all Nursery families to make their school applications if required for September 2021. **The deadline for school applications is next Friday 15th January 2021.**

We really hope that our nursery children and families would like to extend their time with us at Brook Infant School and want to join in with our adventures in learning.

Our 'Woodland Wonders' approach is central to the work of our school and nursery and on Thursday our little Owlets enjoyed their time in the woods. If you want outdoor and hands on learning for you child, why not put us as your first choice and join us in learning with love and laughter.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PATIENCE

We simply wanted to say thank you to all of our families for your ongoing support as well as your very much appreciated patience at this time.



We are so impressed to see how much learning you are supporting the children with at home, whilst also possibly working; caring for other children; trying to keep on top of daily life and so on.

If things gets tricky, try **NOT** to worry and do **NOT** suffer in silence. We are here to help. Simply email support@brookinfant.school.

You are all amazing and our children are very lucky.

Keep smiling and keep learning with love and laughter.

IMPORTANT DATES

We do not profess to know what might be happening in one week, let alone one term, but here is what could happen!

Monday 11th January 2021 - PE with Mikey Restarts for Year Two

Tuesday 12th January 2021 - PE with Mikey Restarts for Year One

Monday 22nd February 2021 - Inset Day

Monday 7th June 2021 - Inset Day

