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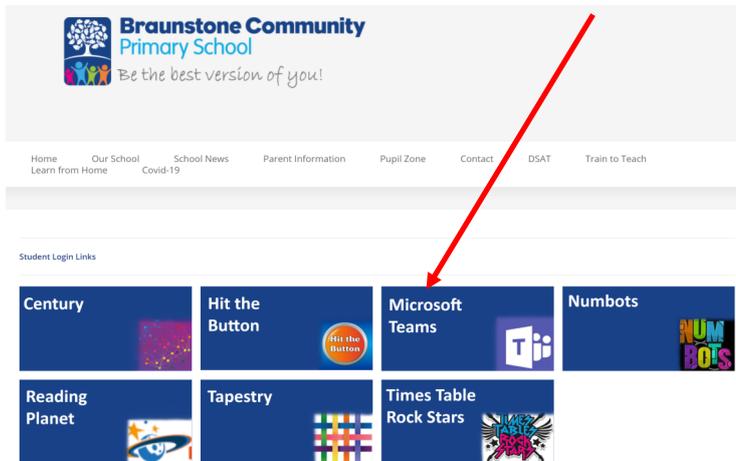


Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are all safe and well. It has been amazing to see how hard a lot of the children have been working online and at school and have been living our values; BELONG, CARE, PERSEVERE, SUCCEED. It is easy to see why our school was given a 'good' Ofsted rating! We are lucky that we still have a few spaces left at our school and for children ready to start school next year too. Let people in the community know their children could attend BPCS too and receive the fantastic education and care we provide. Contact the school office if you or anyone you know wants anymore information.

You can find all the buttons that take you to any of the online learning programs on our school website homepage (it looks like the picture below)

Click on this link: <https://braunstone.leicester.sch.uk/>



### Help Videos

Please click on any of the links to videos we have made to help you access online learning.

**How to log in to Tapestry:** <https://youtu.be/io9GlyOzAzI>

**How to log in to Teams:** <https://youtu.be/m123LBvapil>

**How to upload work to Tapestry:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eoMPN5I3GU&feature=youtu.be>

**How to log in and work Reading Planet:** <https://youtu.be/Ph7IAint1Ts>



Over half term, as well as having a good rest, we URGE you to keep reading! Reading is THE most important thing your child can do to become a successful learner.

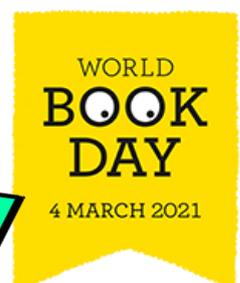
- If you are in Year 1,2,3,4 keep using Reading Planet to read the books set.
- Read books, magazines, information on websites, recipes, etc you have at home
- Explore some of the websites listed here which all have FREE books you can read or listen to (you may have to set up an account but that is completely free too).

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b00jdlm2/cbeebies-bedtime-stories>

We will also be celebrating **World Book Day** after Half term so keep your eyes peeled for more exciting information about what we will be getting up to!



## Stars of the Week

A huge congratulations to our 'Stars of the Week' who have shown FANTASTIC learning this week. Your prizes will be delivered to you! Keep working hard everyone; next time it could be you!

### Stars of the Week

FS1— Jamie H

FSH— Diana

FMW— Yasna

1MJ— Jannah

1UY— Noah

2JH— Olivia

2JP— Lucy-May

2RLLD— Lexi H

3SW— Scarlet A

3DF— Amelia S

4BM— Alycia

4HD— Anastazja

5EP— Lidia

5RAAP— Ruat

6DS— Isobel A

6LF— Chraa

6MS— Nevaeh



A big BCPS shout out to **Natalie Oteng** for really showing our school values; belong, care, persevere and succeed this week! We are very proud of you!



**Safer Internet Day 2021** Tuesday  
9th February  
saferinternetday.org.uk

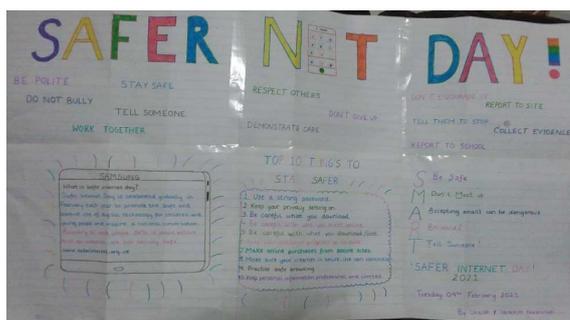
**FS/KS1 Winner**

**Ibrahim & Unzish N**

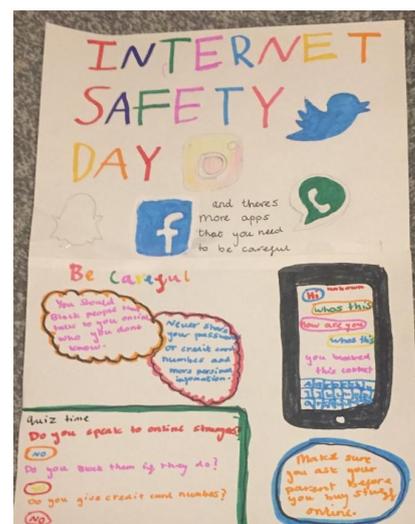
**KS2 Winner**

**Evie James**

This Tuesday our children learnt about staying safe on the internet and discussed this year's theme—not trusting everything we see or read online.



We had a competition to design a poster to show this message. Congratulations to our winners; an amazon voucher will be coming your way!



We would like to introduce some of our newest members of staff ...

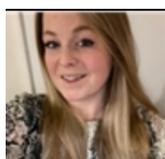


**Mr Alfie Tyler**

Alfie has joined us as our new premises officer this term. You will see him out and about around the school site keeping everything working and keeping everyone safe.

**Miss Burrows**

Miss Burrows is our new teaching assistant in EYFS (Oak and Willow Class). She will be working alongside our other teachers and teaching assistants in EYFS to support children's learning.



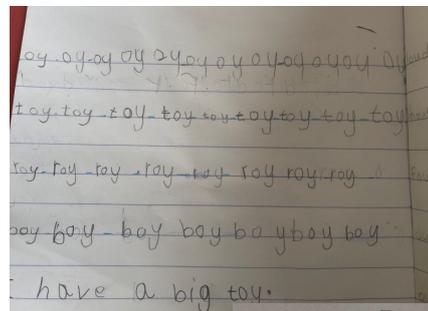
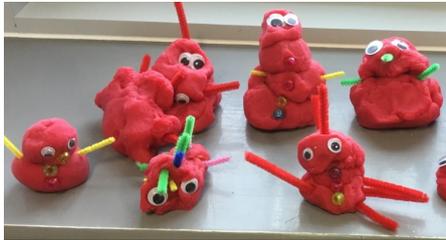
**Miss Dyke**

Miss Dyke is our new cover supervisor. She will be working with and teaching children and classes through out the school.

**A huge welcome to BCPS!**

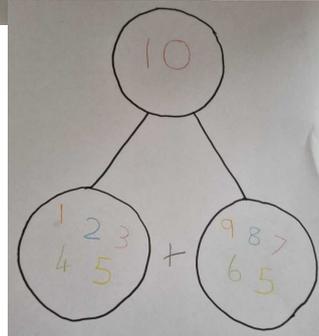
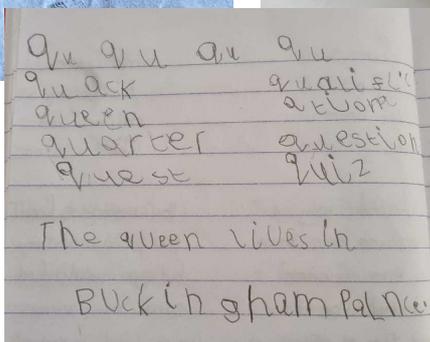
### FS 1

F1 have enjoyed exploring snow and ice and talking about the effects of the weather. They have made snowmen out of play dough and salt dough.



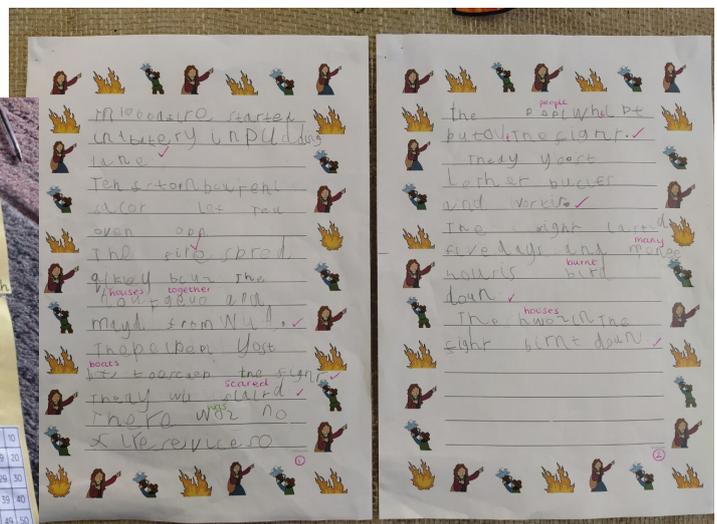
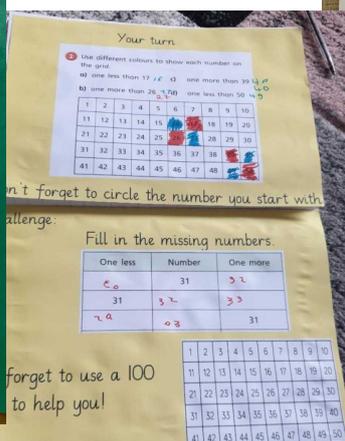
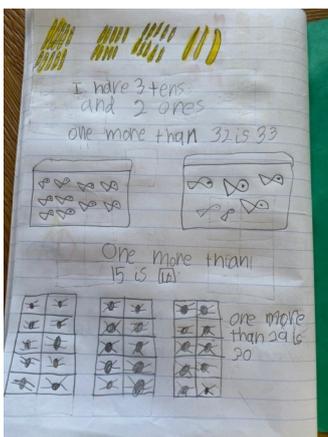
### Foundation Stage 2 —Oak and Willow Class

FS2 have been finding ways to make 10 and practicing their number formation (even in the snow!) They have been using their new phonics sounds to sound out and write words too.



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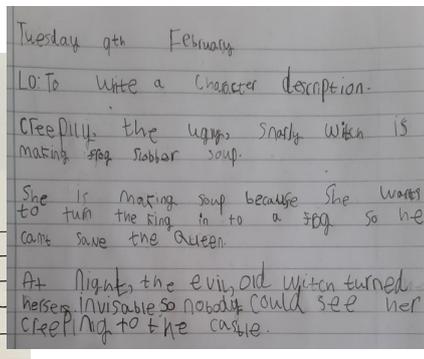
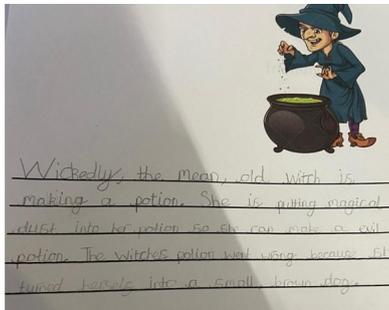
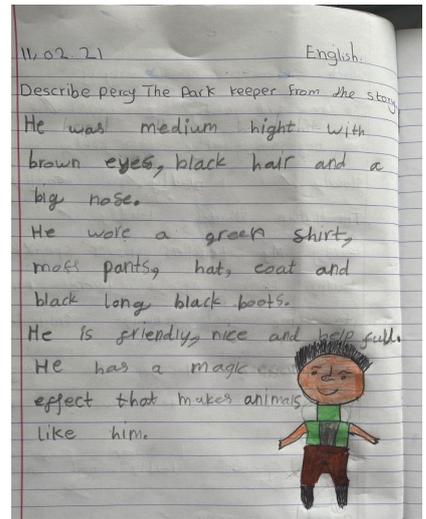
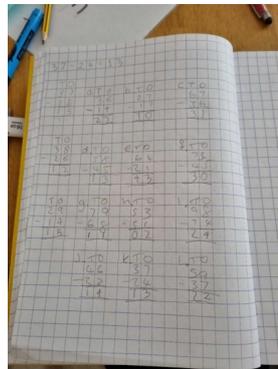
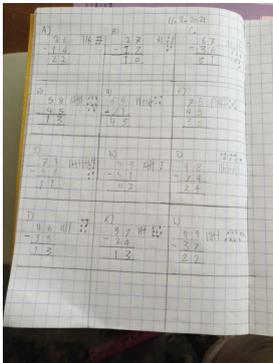
The children have learnt about the 'Great Fire of London', created a picture map and then had a go at retelling the event through some super sentence writing. In maths they have been finding one more and one less using counters, tens frames and 100 squares.



# LOOK at what we're learning

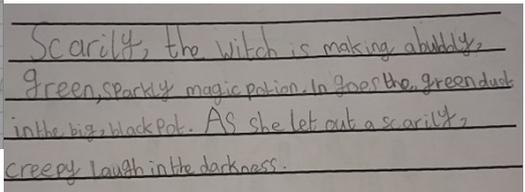
## Year 2

Year 2 have been working really hard on subtracting and adding using the column method and have been writing character descriptions of Percy the Park Keeper.



## Year 3

Year 3 have written character descriptions this week applying all the skills they have learnt in their English lessons.



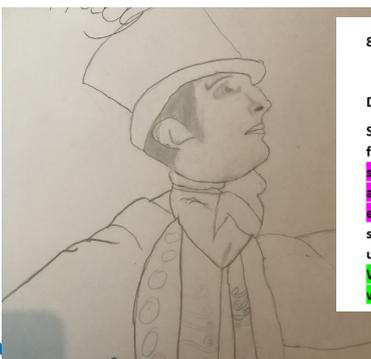
## Year 4

The children have designed and created their own castles in design & technology this week; following a set of success criteria and then evaluating how successful their castles were.



## Year 5

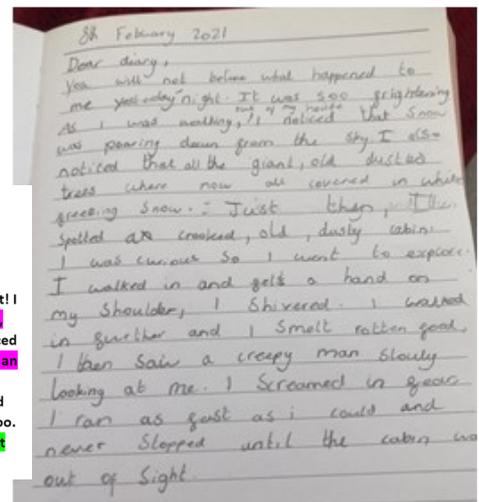
Year 5 have been applying their learning on subordinate clauses into some creative writing and using their inference skills to draw characters using their knowledge from the text.



8th February 2021

Dear Diary,

Something out of the world happened to me last night! you won't believe it! I found the world most astonishing building. As I walked into the pitch black, starless sky, I felt the snow falling and the winter wind blowing cold. I noticed a sea of white covering the floor. I froze like an ice block when I recognized an enormous, ancient building. IT WAS SHOCKING! I wasn't going to enter but suddenly the door opened itself or was it a Ghost I don't know. So, I walked up the steep, creaky stairs..... it wasn't just noises it was movement too. Whilst most people would run away I didn't I was too curious to know what was inside.



## Year 6

Year 6 have created some fantastic non-chronological reports over the week about their chosen animals; applying all the learning from their English

### Dolphins

#### Appearance.

Dolphins have smooth, rubbery skin and are usually colored in some mixture of black, white, and gray. They have two small fins on each side and a triangle fin on their back. Dolphins are beautiful, heavenly creatures who have 2 stomachs. The first stomach stores the food, and the second one is used to swallow the food.



#### Habitat.

Dolphins can live up to 50 years and can be found in ocean or brackish waters along coastlines. They live up to 1,000 feet in the water. Dolphins show two basic methods of sleeping: they either rest quietly in the water, vertically or horizontally, or sleep while swimming slowly next to another animal.

#### What do they eat?

Dolphins have a wide choice of fishes, squids, and crustaceans such as shrimps, all thought pods (which are a group of dolphins) just eat humans they are still to this day being hunted by humans such as: island, the Faro, island, Peru and Japan. Why do you think they like to hunt dolphins?

#### What are dolphins used for?

Dolphins are trained much as police dogs and hunting dogs are. They are given rewards such as fish on correct completion of a task. Dolphins are trained to detect underwater mines and enemy swimmers and then report back to their handlers. Pods also rescue the injured in the water. Would you ride a dolphin?

#### Did you know?

Did you know that the exquisite, intelligent pods swim extremely fast?

Did you know that sharks are afraid of dolphins?

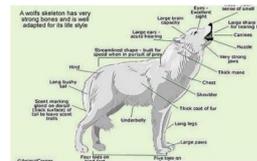
Did you know that Dolphins are chatty animals?

Did you know Do you know 72-104 teeth, but they do not chew their food?



## Wolves

Wouldn't you like to know about wolves? Then here you go.



#### Appearance

The weight of a wolf in North America weighs from 40 pounds to 175 pounds. Wolves have a very long bushy tail and a very large brain capacity. They also have a streamlined shape in-between the hind and the head to be faster just in case of catching prey. Their large paws and legs are very strong to climb rocks and to catch their prey better. The very sharp canines and lower teeth are used for tearing flesh, like tearing the flesh of a deer.

#### Diet

Grey wolfs eat deer, elk, bison, moose, hares, rodents and beavers. And red wolfs eat deer, rabbits and many rodents and raccoons. Blackfoot wolfs eat giant mole rats, cottontails, hares, young antelopes, and lambs. Maned wolfs eat insects, rabbits, small rodents, fruit and vegetables.

LOOK at what we're learning

## Hello from our Advisory Board ... Lauren Findley

Hello, some of you will already know me as Miss Findley, a teacher here at BCPS. However, in the Autumn term I also became part of the advisory board for our school. Teaching is, and I think always will be, the best career in the world. I love helping the children here in Braunstone to learn, grow and feel like they belong. I decided to join the BCPS advisory board so that alongside the children in my class, I could also help shape the lives of many other children here in Braunstone. Being on the board, will allow me to support the school in providing a rich curriculum, stimulating environment and the best possible future for your children. I look forward to watching and supporting our school develop alongside teaching the children here at BCPS.



## Well being waves

Following last week's 'Children's Mental Health Week', we have displayed our wellbeing waves around the school. Hopefully if you out for a walk over half term you can come and see them outside the school!



We hope you all have a good rest over half term and can't wait to see you back next term; whether that be in person or online. Look after yourselves and stay safe.

