

Homework will be used to support the children's learning as follows:

Subject	Requirement
Reading	Please encourage your child to read for a few minutes every day. Your child's reading books will be changed when they have read their book at least three times.
Spelling	Children will be given a spelling sheet every Friday. They will learn the same spellings for a week in school, followed by a spelling quiz on the following Friday. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings at home. The spelling sheet to be returned to school once completed in the Homework file.
Homework	Your child will be set online activities on Purple Mash. These activities will reinforce what they have been learning in class.

PE lessons are scheduled to take place on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. Children will need to come into school dressed in their PE kit on those days.

**Due to current guideline to keep windows open, please ensure your child has enough layers to keep them warm as it could be cold outside.**

**A quick reminder - WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL - please ensure you do not send in any nut products.**

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us. Thank you for your continued support.

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## BRINKWORTH EARL DANBY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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CLASS

Welcome back! We hope you all had a good half term. Our topic for this term is still 'Childhood'. The children will continue their learning as history detectives and show how much they have learnt by creating their own non-fiction texts. This term is a very busy and exciting one leading up to Christmas. We are hoping to plan a 'Come and Learn' Christmas themed morning this term where you can come and learn alongside your child! This will be depending on restrictions and as soon as a date is confirmed we will let you know. There will be snow and sparkles and hope you will be able to come and join in some merriment!

**Our topic for the autumn is  
'Childhood'**

Mrs Gray will be teaching Monday to Thursday. Mrs Gaffney will be teaching on a Friday. Mrs James is our Teaching Assistant.

### **English**

Our class book will be 'The Christmasaurus' by Tom Fletcher. We will be using a variety of texts to retell stories, describing characters and settings, report and letter writing. Through daily phonics sessions the children will continue to learn to blend and segment longer words with adjacent consonants. We will revisit the phonemes the children have learnt and knowing how to represent these with a grapheme. The children will continue to practise reading and spelling words, including simple two-syllable words and sentences. They will also revise all the letter names and reading and spell some tricky words.

### **PSHE**

The children will explore the topic 'Valuing differences'. We will look at differences between ourselves and others and what makes us unique.

### **History**

We will continue to find out about life in the 1950s. The children will study a significant event in our class history timeline: The Queen's Coronation. We will look at changes over time comparing the 1950s to now and the children will create their own knowledge organisers to show what they have learnt this term.

### **R.E.**

We will be exploring the question 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' and look at the story of the first Christmas from the Bible.

# **Childhood**

### **Art and DT**

We will be studying self-portraits and compare styles by famous artists. The children will explore creating portraits in a variety of media including collage, pastel, chalk and on the computer. They will finish by creating a gallery of their work.

### **Computing**

The children will be using the internet to research significant ideas in our history timeline. We will also be using the paint program to create portraits and explore winter and Christmas themes puzzles and games.

### **PE**

Gymnastics- explore high and low movements  
Dance- learning our class dances for the Christmas play  
Multiskills and Hockey sessions with Steven.

### **Science**

The children will be observing similarities and differences in their bodies. Measuring, comparing, drawing and labelling parts of the body. We will then be learning about the five senses, matching the sense to a body part and exploring the sense of touch in more detail answering the question 'What can our hands do?'

### **Music**

Our music unit is called 'Rhythm in the way we walk and banana rap'. We will be learning and performing the new song.

### **Maths**

This term we will start by focusing on place value to 100, ordering and comparing numbers, counting forwards and backwards and knowing 1 more or less than a given number. We will then be focusing on addition and subtraction facts 7 to 11. The children will then learn about the properties of 3D shapes. They will name, describe and compare the shapes saying what is similar and what is different between them.