



Brambles Summer Bulletin 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was so lovely to see all the children back and smiling ready for the summer term. Thank you for your support with continued strong attendance. This is a crucial term for the children and it is important that they are in school receiving a high quality education. Thank you also for all of your support so far regarding COVID restrictions and procedures. **May we remind you that masks must still be worn by adults** on entering the school grounds (unless you have a medical exemption). We will still take a very cautious approach throughout the summer term given that COVID-19 is still very much part of our communities and lives. Therefore, we would like to reassure everyone that we will continue to have all appropriate safety measures in place.

Best wishes Ms K Gleave and Staff

Creative Despite COVID

Despite COVID restrictions, the children are still receiving a high-quality, creative, varied curriculum.

EYFS have been spending lots of time in the outdoor area - enjoying water play, whizzing down the slide, climbing into the sand pit and making mud pies in our new mud kitchen!

In the classroom they have been threading ribbons to make a fish, ordering numbers to 20 and finding and making 3D shapes.



Year 1 were visited by Bigfoot who left some enormous footprints. They have read a story about *The Boy Who Cried Bigfoot* and have produced some amazing writing. In science, they have talked about what plants and flowers need to grow and even dissected a flower. We have planted some sunflower seeds to see whose can grow the tallest.

Year 2 have baked cakes for a Royal Garden Party, including considering how to make them healthier and adding fruit and vegetables to the cake mixture.

They learned about measuring mass, capacity and temperature alongside baking skills such as creaming, whisking and folding.



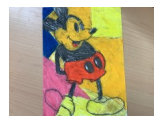
In Lower Key Stage Two, the children have really enjoyed adding more miles to the total for the academy 'Race to Tokyo'.

In Year 4, the children made a model of the digestive system and created their own 'poo' after filling their model stomachs with banana, cola, orange juice, biscuits and water! The children loved doing this practical investigation that taught them all about the stomach, small intestine and large intestine and what it does to the food in their bodies.

Upper Key Stage Two have been getting creative too. The children in year 5 have been learning about Greek artefacts as a method of discovering what happened in the past. They researched Greek vases and created their own using mod-rock. Once it dried, they painted and decorated it depicting a scene from the Ancient Greek period.



In Year 6, among other things, they have focused on their Art project for this term, which involved researching the life and works of Andy Warhol before attempting to recreate their own version of his two famous pieces Campbell's Soup and Mickey Mouse.



Virtual Race to Tokyo

Throughout the summer term, the children are taking part in a 'Virtual Race to Tokyo' in time for the Olympic Games beginning on the 23rd July. Each child within the academy will run a mile at least once a week. The academy will then keep a total tally of miles being covered. The children are updated weekly on their progress. We're currently in Vienna Austria, having travelled over 1,000 miles together!



Steps to Summer Sports

As we start to take the small steps out of lockdown, we do hope to host some kind of sports event towards the summer but this may be restricted due to social distancing. Look out for details closer to the time.



Polite Reminders

- Please remember we now expect all children to be in full school uniform, including plain, black shoes. Summer dresses may be worn
- If you change your phone number please update office staff and download the marvellous me app.

Key Dates

Bank holiday Monday 3rd May
PD day Friday 28th May- children off
Half Term Friday 28th May to Friday 4th June. Back on Monday 7th June
Break up for the summer Friday 16th July.

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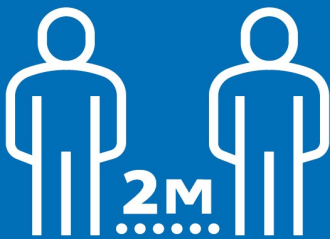
Wash **HANDS**

For 20 seconds and often



Cover **FACE**

Wear a face covering when possible



Make **SPACE**

Stay 2m apart from others



Get a **TEST**

If you have symptoms of Coronavirus