



Brambles Summer Bulletin 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all of your support during the past 16 months throughout the many lockdowns and government restrictions that we have incurred. As a learning community we have taken every step to ensure that our children and families have been safe and we have done our utmost to support each other. As we move to the next phase and restrictions begin to lift we will continue to work with you to ensure that we deliver the best possible education for your children. We will monitor the situation throughout the summer holidays and consider the most up to date government guidelines. For September, all being well, we will be reverting back to a normal timetable following Trust directives. We will be sending out a letter which explains in more detail before we break up. We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you in the future. Have a wonderful summer and stay safe.
Ms K Gleave

Creative Despite COVID

Despite these unprecedented times, the children continue to be given a whole host of experiences and opportunities across the curriculum.



Nursery children have been making aeroplanes in the construction area with mobilo, they then went onto make cars and trains which promoted some good discussion work about where we would like to travel to and how we would get there.



Reception have been enjoying a Pirate themed week, making treasure maps, parrots, hats and telescopes.



Year 1 have been exploring fairy gardens and how to create their own. They looked at what to include, how to set them up and what they would look like. The children loved then creating their own gardens and being able to play and explore in them.

This half term, Year 2 have been looking at plants and how they grow. They started by exploring where plants come from and looked at different types of seeds. They then planted a variety of seeds: peas, courgettes, strawberries, tomatoes and sunflowers. They have had lots of fun watching them grow!



Year 3 have undergone 'Pedestrian Training' learning how to safely cross a road. They initially learned what to do when approaching a road with traffic. Once they could see that the road was safe to cross, they would look right, left then right again. The expert year 3 children will now encourage siblings and friends to cross the roads safely.

The children in Year 4 researched, designed and made their own pizza. They made their own dough using white flour, wholemeal flour, olive oil, salt, yeast and warm water. They then chose their toppings, and the pizza was cooked. Soon after the children were able to eat their pizza!



The Year 5 children have been exploring gender equality. Through engaging with the the Power of Women Campaign, they have begun finding out about the success stories of some of the boldest, brightest, most remarkable women in the North. These two young ladies will be the face of the campaign in the academy.

Year 6 have been taking part in the trust-wide Sofia Wind Farm project. They have worked in teams to plan a potential route for the cable from sites that could be used for the wind farm to the converter station. This involved applying a number of mathematical skills to budget a proposal which will then be presented to the Board of Directors of RWE.



Early Bird Club

Following the lifting of certain restrictions, we will be restarting our Early Bird club from 2nd September. Due to limited numbers this will be offered to working parents or those who can prove they are in full time education and need child care support. Please book and pay in advance at the office: Telephone 01642 210704.

Virtual Race to Tokyo

Throughout the summer term, the children have taken part in a 'Virtual Race to Tokyo' in time for the Olympic Games beginning on the 23rd July. On Tuesday 13th July they made it!!!

Sporting Opportunities

Although lockdown has restricted our ability to invite parents into school we have ensured that the children have had lots of opportunities to take part in a variety of sporting events this included a fun day and a football tournament.



Key Dates

- Year 6 barbeque on Thursday 15th July
- Children's parties Friday 16th July a.m
- Break up for the summer Friday 16th July (1:15pm collection)
- NO NURSERY PM Friday 16th July pm

Return to school

- PD day Wednesday September 1st
- Children return to school on Thursday 2nd September

Covid Update

Lifting restrictions

Most legal restrictions to control COVID-19 will be lifted at step 4. This means that when step 4 takes place:

- You will not need to stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with. There will also be no limits on the number of people you can meet.
- However, in order to minimise risk at a time of high prevalence, you should limit the close contact you have with those you do not usually live with, and increase close contact gradually. This includes minimising the number, proximity and duration of social contacts.
- Meet outdoors where possible and let fresh air into homes or other enclosed spaces.
- The Government is no longer instructing people to work from home if they can. However, the Government expects and recommends a gradual return over the summer.
- The requirement to wear face coverings in law will be lifted. However, the Government expects and recommends that people wear face coverings in crowded areas such as public transport.
- There will no longer be limits on the number of people who can attend weddings, civil partnerships, funerals and other life events (including receptions and celebrations). There will be no requirement for table service at life events, or restrictions on singing or dancing. You should follow guidance for weddings and funerals to reduce risk and protect yourself and others.
- There will no longer be restrictions on group sizes for attending communal worship.

COVID-19 has not gone away, so it's important to remember the actions you can take to [keep yourself and others safe](#). Everybody needs to continue to act carefully and remain cautious.