



BROOKFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEW CURRICULUM



1st April 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

As many of you will be aware a new curriculum was introduced in all state-funded schools from September 2014; here at Brookfield Junior School we have embraced the changes and have begun a successful transition. To continue this transition, we will be adopting a new approach to learning in Science, History, Geography, Art and DT in Years 3, 4 and 5; these subjects will be taught in weekly blocks rather than one lesson per week.

The aim for block teaching is to improve the fluency within learning, allowing lessons to be taught on consecutive days, reducing the need to recap previous learning within each lesson. Alongside a more fluent approach, block teaching also allows better links to be made between different areas of learning. For example, if Science is being taught it may be beneficial to centre Maths learning on data handling.

To help support your child, we feel it is vitally important to keep you updated on the topic areas, to allow you to answer any questions at home. Below is a table outlining the learning for Years 3, 4 and 5 in Term 5:

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Week 1	Science (Plants/Light)	History (The Romans)	Science (Forces)
Week 2	Science (Plants/Lights)	History (The Romans)	Art (Tribal Masks)
Week 3	Geography (Volcanoes)	DT (Cooking)	Science (Living things and their habitats)
Week 4	History (Ancient Egypt)	Science (Sound/Living things and their habitats)	Geography (The Americas)
Week 5	DT (Volcanoes)	Science (Sound/Living things and their habitats)	Geography (The Americas)

As well as exciting changes to the way we deliver subjects, next term will also involve a cultural afternoon; this is an opportunity for your child to find out more about the lives and traditions of people in Kenya. The dates for these afternoons are as follows:

Year 3: Tuesday 28th April

Year 4: Wednesday 29th April

Year 5: Monday 27th April

Year 6: Monday 18th May



Finally, Term 5 will also include a PSHE afternoon; each year group will take a different theme and more details will be available nearer the time. The dates for these afternoons are:

Year 3: Tuesday 19th May

Year 4: Monday 18th May

Year 5: Monday 18th May

Year 6: Tuesday 19th May

At this stage, Year 6 will not be making changes to their time table as there is such a short period of time between the beginning of Term 5 and the SATs. Further information will be provided at the end of Term 5 to assist your valued and continuing support for their learning in Term 6.

Yours sincerely

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