



# Nansledan School

Head of School: Mrs V Dilnot

## Brunel Class Information

28<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to thank you and your children for an amazing start to their first term back at Skol Nansledan, in what has been a different set of circumstances to usual. It is wonderful to welcome everyone to Brunel class and see their enthusiasm for school already shining. We are enjoying getting to know each child better and to hear what they have been up to over the last few months! It seems like you have all been very busy and benefitting from extended time together. Brunel have been settling in well to their new classroom and timetable. We would like to share some information with you about the school day to also keep you informed about what is going on.

### Curriculum

Please go to the school website and take a look at our class page where you will find this term's STEAM Curriculum overview and information about our Covid-19 Recovery Curriculum. At this time more than ever, we are relying on your support to help children catch up key areas of learning that were missed as the result of the national lockdown. We hope that the curriculum overview will support you as you talk to your child about their learning in the coming weeks and support them with home learning tasks. <https://www.nansledanschool.org/web/innovators/351456>

### Playtime, snacks and water

Your child has their playtime from 10:40– 10.55am each day. If possible, please ensure that your child comes into school with a piece of fruit as their snack. Please note that cereal bars and crisps are not considered a suitable snack for playtime and that we are a **nut free school**. Please also ensure that your child also has a named coat for playtime and lunchtime. Even on sunny days, the playground is very exposed, which makes our school site prone to cold winds! It is essential that your child has a water bottle with them each day.

### PE

PE sessions for Brunel class are on Wednesday afternoons, taught by Mr Maloney. As a school we are requesting children to come to school in their PE kit on their allotted day. I know most of the class have already begun bringing in their PE kits but these will be returned home. Children should wear their normal school jumpers and, if weather appropriate, a plain pair of dark tracksuit / legging bottoms for warmth. Please note that PE shoes should be plain black or white trainers/ plimsolls.

### Reading books

Following Accelerated Reader assessments, your child will be allocated a numerical range to choose books from. Once this has been done, children will be able to take home a reading book from our library. Upon returning to school, children will quiz on their book and

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then books will be placed aside for quarantining for a short period before being returned to the library. For this reason, your child will only be able to swap their book once per week. We encourage you to read with your children on five occasions a week, to support this and your child's progress with their reading our reading VIPERS's will be included in the homework pack to enhance and deepen their comprehension.

## Maths

Children are expected to access Times Table Rockstars for at least ten minutes, three times per week. On TTR, we suggest getting in lots of practise in 'Garage' which levels questions to your child's current level of attainment. Your child should know their 2,5, and 10 times tables from KS1, but may need to practise these too. We teach 3,4,6 and 8 times tables in Y3 and the rest in Y4. By the end of Y4, children are expected to know their tables fluently up to 12x12.

## Homework

Your child's homework will be handed out on a Friday and will be due in on the following Friday. Spellings will also follow this pattern and will be tested on a Friday. Homework will be allocated to your child using the Google Classroom platform for online learning. A separate letter detailing additional information on this will be available to you very soon.

## Spellings

This year we have invested in Spelling Shed, a fun game designed to support your child with their spellings, they may use this resource or practise the old-fashioned way! On Fridays, your child will have a spelling test, covering the list posted in their Google Classroom.

To support children's accelerated progress, as part of our recovery curriculum, it is essential that we work in partnership. Therefore, we will be expecting all homework to be completed and this will be monitored and followed up by staff. Any missed home learning will be caught up in school during break or lunchtime.

## Behaviour

Last week you will have received a letter providing you with login details to view and track your child's Dojo rewards. Once logged in you will be able to see the reason behind their reward(s) and they are able to alter their monsters appearance should they wish. Alongside this Brunel class are also working hard to earn Lego to fill our class jar. They have discussed and debated the class reward to great length. When the jar is full I will inform you and provide more details regarding their chosen reward.

I look forward to speaking to each of you in the next week or two through our parent/ carer consultation telephone conversations where we can discuss how your child has settled back into school. These phone calls will take place instead of the usual Autumn Term Parents' Evening.

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Finally, if you have any other questions or queries regarding our school routines or homework, please contact the office to request a call back from a member of the Brunel teaching team. Please note that the Brunel class team are the first port of call to share concerns or queries with.

Yours sincerely,

*Miss A Humphrey and the Brunel team.*

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