



Talk For Writing

This year English at Ark Brunel will be taught a little differently. Talk for Writing, developed by Pie Corbett, is a powerful teaching tool, using fun activities that help the children rehearse the language they need to craft their writing. Thus, they are helped to write in the same style as the text. Ark Brunel has adopted this approach to help increase everyone's progress in writing, and have found both students and staff really engaged in their English lessons. Ask your child to tell you their Talk for Writing story and sit back and enjoy as they act out and present their writing.



McMillan Coffee Morning

We'll be holding a cake and coffee morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support again this year. Last year, we raised over £300 and hope to raise even more this year. Try to come along on Friday 30th September from 9am.

Class curriculum trips

There are lots of trips taking place in the next fortnight. Check the calendar on our website for more details at <http://arkbrunelprimary.org/calendar>

Food Explorers

The Food Explorers are visiting Brunel! Classes will be earning about food in order to make more healthy choices during the week commencing 3rd October.

Arithmetic

We've been working really hard at our arithmetic over the last year at Brunel. Some of the learning that the children have been doing may be familiar to some of you from your schooldays. What you may be surprised at is the level that the children are expected to be at by the end of each year. Below are some examples of what we aim for our pupils to achieve by the end of this school year.

Y2 $3/4$ of 20

Y4 $2/6 + 3/6$

Y6 $1/4 \times 1/8$

As you can see, fractions are high on our agenda and expectations are high for all years. So, please get involved and support your child wherever and whenever you can. If you're unsure, ask your child's teacher how you can support at the upcoming parent conferences.

Parent Conferences

You'll be receiving a letter regarding this term's parent conferences, which take place week commencing 3rd October. These are an invaluable opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss the year ahead. Please ensure you make an appointment.

Next term, we hope to be moving to an online system which parents will be able to access from their phones or computers. Details will follow closer to the time.

Access to the building

We would like to remind you that parents are not allowed into the school building in the morning to accompany children to classes. We encourage the children to be independent and to say their goodbyes in the playground.

If parents need to go to the school office, they must enter via the front entrance on Middle Row - not through the school building. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.