

Class BR Newsletter

Happy 2026!

Dear Parents and Carers

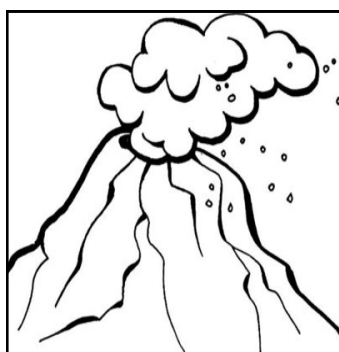
Hello again and Happy New Year! We hope that you all enjoyed the holidays. Now that the decorations are down and school is back in full swing, we are looking forward to picking up again where we left off at the end of last term. This newsletter shares many of the things happening in Class BR this term and gives useful information such as PE days and homework expectations.

Learning in Spring Term

We've got a bumper term ahead in Year 5 and our learning will have an adventurous twist! In Geography, we'll start by learning about North and South America. We'll then move on to studying our Extreme Earth. This will involve looking at extreme climates and weather phenomena as well as earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes around the world.

There's lots of exciting learning in other parts of the curriculum too. In Science, we'll learn about Forces and about Earth and Space while in Design Technology, we'll design and make Moving Toys for Year 2. We'll also write computer programs that create digital art and develop painting skills in Art using artists such as Hokusai as inspiration.

We've got a new Featured Author too - Michael Morpurgo. We'll be familiarising ourselves with his masterful storytelling and reading his novel *Kensuke's Kingdom* together in class. It's a great book for Y5, in which the main character ends up in a thrilling adventure and an epic journey of discovery!



North and South America, Extreme Earth and *Kensuke's Kingdom* are all part of our exciting learning this term!

Spring term
2026

Weekly Timetable

Monday

Homework in

Tuesday

Swimming

Wednesday

Homework out

Thursday

Music

PE

Friday

Library

BR Teaching Team

Important dates for your diary

Forest School sessions

20th February, 6th and
13th March

Half term

23rd–27th February

Michael Morpurgo month

February

End of term

2nd April

More to follow!

Teaching in BR this term continues to be a team effort! I (Mr Cradock) will be with the class each day as will Ms Hackney much of the time.

On some Monday and Tuesday afternoons, Mrs Scott will take the class for RE and PSHE. On Tuesday mornings, teachers at Blaydon Pool will lead our weekly swimming sessions. Every Thursday afternoon, Mrs Lawson will teach PE and a music teacher will lead music classes.

PE

PE this term will be Gymnastics (on Thursdays) and Swimming (on Tuesdays). On swimming days, children should bring a swimming kit and towel to change into at the pool. On other PE days, they should come to school in a suitable PE kit (a red plain t-shirt/hoody with black joggers, shorts or leggings and trainers). If your child cannot take part in PE for any reason, please let us know the reasons why.

Homework

Thank you for all your support with homework. We will send out weekly tasks on Wednesdays to be completed and returned by the following Monday. Please look out for these and encourage your child to organise time at home to complete the activities.

The tasks will link to, and support, our current learning in Maths and English and will include weekly reading too. Please continue to help your child build good habits as a learner.

This includes getting into the routine of returning homework on time so that we can then go through it in class altogether.

And finally

As we move into the second term of the year, we look forward to continuing to work with you all. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to catch us in the yard, or to make an appointment if you feel that is more appropriate and works better for you.

Mr Cradock, Ms Hackney and the rest of the BR Team