



# SPRING NEWSLETTER

April 2022



## Welcome to our spring newsletter...

As usual, Browney Academy has been a hive of activity recently. From World Book Day activities and Chinese New Year celebrations to sporting events and festivals, it seems we always have something to celebrate!

Above all, we are truly grateful for the renewed opportunity to invite our families back into school now Covid restrictions have relaxed. It has been wonderful to share reading hints and tips during our phonics meetings and to talk to our Year 2 and Year 6 families about the upcoming SATS.

These last two weeks our school hall has been transformed to make way for our much loved afternoon tea event, which we have been longing for these last few years. Thank you to everyone who attended and especially to our wonderful pupils who performed so beautifully

throughout the event.

With our focus on reading this term, it is heart-warming to see children growing in passion for books and texts. With our new reading garden and reading retreat, it's no wonder our children are really keen to read at every opportunity, and this is showing in their progress in reading and writing. I would like to thank parents for supporting us on our reading journey and making reading a priority at home also.

Thank you for your continued support this term. Have a wonderful Easter break.

With very best wishes,

**Mrs Catherine Harris,  
Headteacher**

## World Book Day 2022

**This term saw the much-loved World Book Day return**

Our little bookworms looked incredible in their creative costumes and brought in amazing entries for our potato character competition.

Our day was jam-packed with reading activities including class stories, live events with authors, teacher mystery readers and house group reading. Both our older and younger children loved getting the chance to read aloud to one another throughout the day and share their favourite stories and authors, as well as learning about new ones!

Check out all our potato photos overleaf...







# Full moon, half moon, total eclipse

Year 5 learned all about the phases of the moon in a practical (and delicious) way this term.

The class discovered that the moon reflects light from the sun and that the appearance of the moon changes depending on where it is positioned. The group then had lots of fun recreating the phases of the moon using Oreos!

Each morning that week, Year 5 discussed what the moon has looked like that morning and identified the phase correctly.



## Sit back and relax

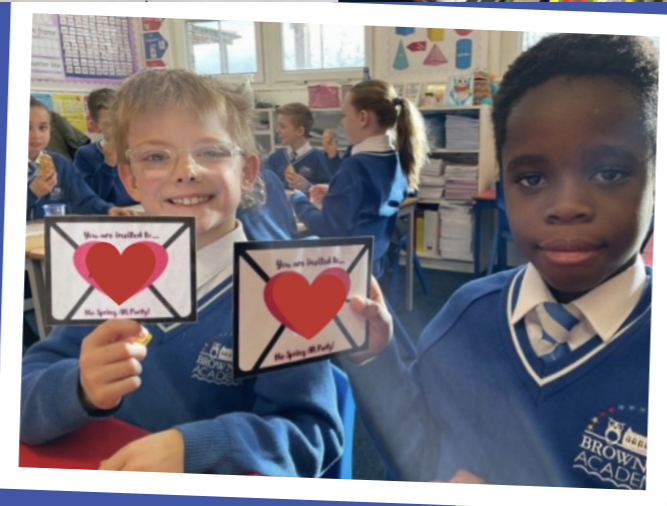
Our lovely new reading garden is up and running for our pupils to enjoy books and let their imaginations run free during break and lunchtimes.

Our garden features an amazing outdoor house we have named 'The Retreat' to be used as a reading and wellbeing hideaway, complete with storybooks and cosy areas to sit and read alone or with a friend!



## Party time!

Every half term we throw a party to treat pupils who reach their Accelerated Reader target. This term saw our bookworms enjoy a Valentine's Day themed treat with Mrs Harris!



# A busy term for Reception

This term our little ones in Reception have had a ball!

Starting with Chinese New Year back at the beginning of the year, the class loved learning about different cultures. Pupils even performed an assembly to everyone on everything they had learned.

As the year moved on, Reception began their 'Long Ago' learning topic which saw them reflect on their lives and look at how much they had changed since they were babies. The children shared pictures of their parents and grandparents, talked about their relatives and compared their lives to their family members.

Of course, this term has been full of reading for our little bookworms. Reception read the much-loved 'The tiger who came to tea'.

Speaking of animals, this term saw Reception head off to the farm for a day! The class used this trip to boost their knowledge on their learning topic - *Ready, Steady, Grow*. The farm helped pupils explore topics such as where food comes from, what plants animals need to survive, and what makes a healthy lifestyle. At the farm, the group used farm spotting sheets to identify animals and crops before collecting natural materials like grains and feathers.

The end of this term saw Reception transform into mini scientists when they planted and observed what a plant needs to grow, alongside growing their very own beanstalks. Not only that but the class watched the life cycle of a caterpillar in real life!

We cannot wait to see Reception flourish further next term...

