Dear Colleague,

***Bradford Schools Linking 2020-2021***

 We are writing to let you know that the Bradford Schools Linking Programme in our area will be happening in the next academic year 2020-2021. It will be a virtual Schools Linking programme which will be engaging and enjoyable and will build a sense of togetherness. We are clear that this programme must be manageable for teachers so all suggested activities will be fully resourced by The Linking Network and tailored to the current context. CPD for pairs of linking teachers will be by video call.

The programme will be virtual this year. We will provide a range of shared digital learning experiences including storytellers, drama performances and virtual visits for your pupils. Pairs of classes will connect and learn from one another by exchanging work.

Link pairs of classes may choose to delay their start date until later in the year or will run a very slim programme next year all dependent on the circumstances as the year unfolds. This can all be decided in the Autumn Term.

There will be no cost to schools to access this Linking Programme and The Linking Network team will be available to support your teachers.

**If you would like to express an interest in taking part in the Schools Linking Programme, please complete the form below** and we will get in touch to discuss suitable links and year groups.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

 Kind regards,

 Jean Whitaker, Nahida Nazir and Linda Cowie

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| *Please return by email to jean.whitaker@thelinkingnetwork.org.uk* |
| We would like to express an interest in taking part in Bradford Primary Schools Linking 2020-2021.    Name of School:  Name of headteacher:  Name of person to contact to discuss the link:  Email of person to contact to discuss the link:    Key Stage 2 Year group/s (if you can do any of Year 3, 4 or 5 please state as this gives more options in finding a link)    *Once a suitable link is found we can discuss start dates that work for you as a school, eg Autumn or Spring term start*  *The programme will be manageable for teachers with all resources provided.* |