



Beechwood Primary School

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Curriculum Update Issue 87- Spring Term 2 2020

Welcome Back!

We hope you have all had a enjoyable and restful half term break. With the nights growing lighter and the daffodils emerging, it seems that Spring will soon be upon us!

Dates for your diary

24th Feb- Year 6 are performing at the Brindley

25th Feb- Mako club starts for 5 weeks

28th Feb- Y5 Crucial Crew

3rd March- Years 5 and 6 visit the Philharmonic Hall

5th March- World Book Day

27th March- Own clothes day- chocolate donation for the PTA Easter Bingo

9th March- Matt Goodfellow (author) visits the school

25th March- Pankhurst Class Assembly all family and friends welcome!

25th March- Year 5 Easter Journey- details tbc

1st April- Rosen Class Assembly- all family and friends welcome!

1st April- PTA Easter Bingo- details tbc

2nd April- Easter Bunny Drive

3rd April - School closes for half term at 1:30pm



World Book Day

This year's celebrations will be held on Thursday 5th March and the theme is 'Bedtime Stories'. The children are being asked to come to school dressed in their pyjamas (with appropriate footwear).

Sports Relief

On Friday 13th March, we will be celebrating Sports Relief in order to raise money for Comic Relief. This year, we are asking the children to come to school wearing 'sporting clothing'. We are asking for a £1 donation to take part in the event.

Home Reading

Please make sure that you are reading with your child each night. Even when they become independent readers, it is still vital to read with them as their books become trickier, so that you can check they understand new, challenging words.

READING WITH YOUR CHILD

20 Minutes a day is all it takes to build key reading skills. Here are 6 ways to build a better reader during the elementary school years:

1. Create reading rituals and read every day.
2. Snuggle up close with a book before bed.
3. Talk about pictures and ask questions while reading.
4. Share all different kinds of books (stories, nonfiction, poetry).
5. Read favorite books again and again.
6. Read with expression.

'Good readers are made on the laps of parents.'

Think for yourself, care for others

Reception

Literacy	<p>This half term our book is 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt'. We will be learning the story and creating our own actions as we go through. We will be writing lists of things to take with us on our Bear hunt adventure. We will be writing a description of the bear and we will consider other places that we might pass through when on our bear hunt.</p> <p>As well as our class book we will also be observing our eggs and chicks and filling in an observation book.</p> <p>We will continue to look at writing in sentences and the key features of a sentence we need to include in our work.</p>
Maths	<p>This half term we will be recapping on the numbers learnt so far and then starting with number 14. Each week we will be working on a different number, visiting measure, money, shapes and patterns and the language associated with position and direction and really consolidating what each number means. We will also have a special focus on one more and one less.</p>
Knowledge and understanding of the world	<p>Our bear hunt book will lead us on to find out about different bears and where they live, looking on a World map. We will learn about hibernation and talk about the different types of animals that hibernate during the Winter and why.</p> <p>We will also learn about the life cycle of chicks through real life observation. On Monday 2nd March we will be having an incubator and chick eggs in our classroom for 2 weeks and we will be keeping a close eye on them to see them hatch and change. How 'eggciting' will this be?!</p>
RE	<p>This half term we will further our knowledge of Christianity and think about the question- 'where do we belong?' Thinking about the special places in our community. We will also look at the story of Easter.</p>
PE	<p>This half term we will continue to work with the drama teacher. We will be 'acting' based on a Bears play.</p> <p>We will also have Forest School to develop our confidence in moving and climbing in the dell area.</p>
PSHCE	<p>This half term we will continue to address the current news with the children and interpreting this discussing how it impacts on our lives. Each week we will have a whole school focus on a thought of the week. This will link to our core British Values which are: rule of law, democracy, tolerance, individual liberty and mutual respect.</p>
Expressive arts	<p>This half term we will be creating sound effects for the different settings found in the Bear Hunt story. We will create collages of the different settings. We will use the large construction to build our own caves. Of course we won't forget the hatching chicks and so we will do lots of observational drawings of them along the way.</p>

Rosen Class

English	We will continue to use Hermelin to inspire our reading and writing. We will write our own detective story. Following this, we will write letters and adverts inspired by Hermelin. We will also explore different SPAG concepts such as: adding es for plurals, ed and ing suffixes on words. We will also continue to practise our spellings.
Maths	During this half term we will cover topics that include: measuring length/height and numbers to 40. In this chapter, pupils will be exploring numbers to 40 in a variety of ways. The beginning of the chapter focuses on counting to 40 in different ways and writing numbers to 40. As the sequence progresses, pupils are comparing numbers and looking at number patterns. This chapter will consolidate pupils' previous work with numbers to 20 and prepare them for Chapter 15, Numbers to 100. We will then apply the skills to addition and subtraction. After that we will move on to multiplication.
Science	<p><u>Seasonal changes</u></p> <p>We will continue to observe the changes across the four seasons. We will look at what different types of weather there is and look at creating our own weather report.</p> <p><u>Materials</u></p> <p>We will at describing the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. We will also be looking at distinguishing between an object and the material from which it is made. We will identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock. We will compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.</p>
PE	<p><u>Invasion games</u></p> <p>We will learn different skills and apply them to game situations. We will learn isolated skills and then bring in a competitive element.</p>
RE	<p><u>Judaism</u></p> <p>This half term, children will have the opportunity to explore Jewish beliefs about God, with a focus on why religious people put their trust in God and how this might be expressed. They will think about how we know whether or not people are trustworthy and reflect on their own values about the importance of being someone who is trusted by others.</p>
PSHCE	This half term we will continue to address the current news with the children and interpreting this discussing how it impacts on our lives. Each week we will have a whole school focus on a thought of the week. This will link to our core British Values which are: rule of law, democracy, tolerance, individual liberty and mutual respect.

Year 2

Literacy	This half term, we will be focusing on texts by Julia Donaldson. The children will write for a range of purposes from these texts. The children will write stories, descriptions and a nonfiction piece. In reading, we will continue to work on our fluency and speed. Children in Year 2 should be aiming to read 90 words per minute. To help your children at home, please encourage them to read and learn their spellings each week.
Maths	In maths, we will move onto learning about money, time and fractions. Continuing to help your children count amounts of money and telling the time at home will be a huge help. The children will continue to work on achieving their maths monsters badges for the tables 2, 5 and 10.
Science	In science, we will be learning all about living things and their habitats. We will be looking at lots of mini-beasts and animals in our dell area. Can we find Superworm's habitat?
RE	This half term, we will be learning about Islam. We will be looking into the acts of worship that Muslims take part in.
PE	This half term we will continue to work with the dance teacher. The Dances that we create will be linked to a range of stories by our author Julia Donaldson.
PSHCE	This half term we will continue to address the current news with the children and interpreting this discussing how it impacts on our lives. Each week we will have a whole school focus on a thought of the week. This will link to our core British Values which are: rule of law, democracy, tolerance, individual liberty and mutual respect.
Topic	This half term, we will start a new topic all about the Titanic. We will be looking at how steam engines were created and used to power the ship. We will be using our describing skills to compare the sunken ship to the once beautiful, floating ship. We will also be looking at the different classes that boarded the ship and the reasoning behind this. Can you pack a suitcase for different passengers? In DT, we will continue our work on the Titanic by making models that include leavers.

Pankhurst Class

English	This half term we will complete our English genre of myths which we started before half term. The children will write and perform their own myths focusing on different sentence types and the use of fronted adverbials. After this we will move onto learning about play scripts and the children will be writing their own play scripts which will be available for you to read.
Maths	We will work on mass and volume using our measuring and conversion skills to answer a range of questions before moving on to money and calculating change and prices of items. Please encourage your child to think about money and change when you are out and about - this will really help. Reminder to continue working on times tables and maths monsters so that the children can work on their speed of recall.
Topic	We will continue with our topic of Romans where the children will consolidate their learning and look at the geography element by looking at some of the tourist destinations in Rome and England (linked to the Romans) As part of our computing we will be creating tourist advertising brochures about these places of interest to tourists and will be working on developing our pricing skills too.
RE	This half term we will be looking at Christianity and more specifically Jesus. The children will begin by looking at what miracles are and how these are linked to Jesus. The children will explore the belief in miracles and the power of prayer and will then discuss the importance of believing in miracles.
PE	This half term Pankhurst class will continue to work with Miss Elliott for dance and will also begin working on their diamond cricket skills. We will learn about the key components such as batting, fielding and bowling and will then work on developing their understanding of the games and positioning/tactics.
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Science	We will finish our forces and magnets topic from last half term by looking at magnetic and non-magnetic items We will then move onto learning about Animals including humans where we will discover about the purpose of the skeleton and also how animals and humans keep themselves healthy. We will be looking at the different food groups and the purposes of these.
MFL	The children will be continuing to work on developing their skills of saying their age and what month they were born in before moving on to learning about their family members and how they talk about different members of their family too.

Year 4

Literacy	This half term Year 4 will be looking at play scripts and exploring stories set within other cultures. The children will be identifying a range of new writing features and will be expected to independently identify which writing features used within previous writing genres would suit the genre of play scripts and stories.
Maths	This half term we will be continuing with our topic of multiplication and division, focusing on the inverse operations. We will then explore the topics of graphs and fractions, where we will consolidate and apply skills used in previous topics to support learning. We will continue with a heavy focus on times tables, implementing regular practice of the Multiplications tables check to consolidate their knowledge and gain confidence with mental maths.
RE	<u>What do we mean by a miracle?</u> This term we will explore why some people believe in miracles and others do not. We will discuss how miracles influence the beliefs of Christians.
Topic	<u>What did the Romans do for me?</u> This term, we continue on our exciting journey into the lives of the Romans. We will be looking at how Boudica was defeated before we shift to a geography focus on the influence on our country to Romans had and a modern day focus on tourism.
PE	This term year 4 and 5 will be focusing on gymnastics developing skills of technique and control. We will focus on developing flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance. The children will be provided with opportunities to perform, providing the opportunity to evaluate and recognise their own success.
PSHCE	This half term we will continue to address the current news with the children and interpreting this discussing how it impacts on our lives. Each week we will have a whole school focus on a thought of the week. This will link to our core British Values which are: rule of law, democracy, tolerance, individual liberty and mutual respect.
Computing	This half term, we will be looking at tourism in Italy, with a focus on Rome and devising a tourism leaflet on Publisher and using Excel to create formulas to calculate the costs of visiting attractions.
Science	This year Science will be taught by Mrs Kidd and Mrs Woodcock. The children will focus on the topic of Solids Liquids and Gases. They will use their scientific knowledge to carry out an investigation.
MFL	This half term in French the children will look at understanding and providing basic directions and identifying different weather formations.

Year 5's Curriculum

English	This term's writing unit is based on stories from other cultures. We will be using the text 'Journey to Jo'burg' to improve our writing skills and write from different perspectives. In reading, we will be focusing on retrieving information and how the authors use of language effects our feelings.
Maths	This term, we are completing our unit on measurement before moving on to Fractions.
Topic	<p><u>What did the Romans do for me?</u></p> <p>This term, we continue on our exciting journey into the lives of the Romans. We will be looking at how Boudicca was defeated before we shift to a geography focus on the influence on our country to Romans had and a modern day focus on tourism.</p>
Science	<p><u>Living things, their habitats and life cycles.</u></p> <p>This term Year 5 will investigate Living things and their habitats. Fingers crossed for some good weather so we can venture outside and explore the local area and the things that might live there.</p>
RE	<p><u>What do we mean by a miracle?</u></p> <p>This term we will explore why some people believe in miracles and others do not. We will discuss how miracles influence the beliefs of Christians.</p>
MFL	<p><u>Vocabulary Building</u></p> <p>This half term in French the children will look at understanding and providing basic directions and identifying different weather formations.</p>
PE	Year 4 / 5 - PE This term year 4 and 5 will be focusing on gymnastics developing skills of technique and control. We will focus on developing flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance. The children will be provided with opportunities to perform, providing the opportunity to evaluate and recognise their own success.

PSHCE

This half term, we will be addressing current news with the children and interpreting this; discussing how it impacts on our lives. Each week, we will have a whole school focus on the 'Thought of the Week'. This will be linked to our core British Values, which are: Rule of Law, Democracy, Tolerance, Individual Liberty and Mutual Respect.

Computing

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Year 6's Curriculum

English	This term's writing unit is based around a moving video called The Piano. This emotive video will inspire us to write flashback stories. In Reading, we will begin our class novel of Kensuke's Kingdom and polish up our retrieval skills. We will also be focusing on language choices made by the reader and how these effect us.
Maths	This term, we are moving onto percentages and then begin our units of ratio and geometry. We will be focussing how to calculate area, perimeter and volume.
Topic	<u>What did the Romans do for me?</u> This term, we continue on our exciting journey into the lives of the Romans. We will be looking at how Boudicca was defeated before we shift to a geography focus on the influence on our country to Romans had and a modern day focus on tourism.
Science	<u>Evolution</u> This term sees a continuation of our topic on Evolution and specifically looking at how the Human Race has evolved over time. We will be researching Charles Darwin's Theory of Evolution and how animals have adapted to their environments.
RE	<u>Why do Christians believe Good Friday is good?</u> This term we look at how the lead up to the Easter celebrations an
MFL	<u>Vocabulary Building</u> This half term sees us working on written French. We will be describing animals in the zoo we created last half term and writing 'What am I?' puzzles for each other.
PE	<u>Gymnastics</u> This half term, our PE topic will be gymnastics. We will be working on our core strength, flexibility and building on last year's work with handstands and rolls.
PSHCE	This half term, we will be addressing current news with the children and interpreting this; discussing how it impacts on our lives. Each week, we will have a whole school focus on the 'Thought of the Week'. This will be linked to our core British Values, which are: Rule of Law, Democracy, Tolerance, Individual Liberty and Mutual Respect.

