



Beechwood Primary School

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Curriculum Update Issue 81- Spring Term 2019

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

19th Feb- Year 6 are performing at the Brindley

7th March- World Book Day

8th March- Own clothes day- chocolate donation for the PTA Easter Bingo

15th March- Comic Relief- details tbc

15th March 3:30pm- PTA AGM

20th March- Year 1 Class Assembly- all family and friends welcome!

25th March- Year 5 Easter Journey- details tbc

27th March- Year 3 Class Assembly- all family and friends welcome!

27th March- PTA Easter Bingo- details tbc

29th March- School closes for half term at 1:30pm



WORLD
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7 MARCH 2019

World Book Day

This year's celebrations will be held on Thursday 7th March. The children are being asked to come to school dressed as any character from their favourite book. The teachers will be sharing their favourite books with the children that day.

Red Nose Day

On Friday 15th March, we will be celebrating Red Nose Day in order to raise money for Comic Relief. This year, we are asking the children to come to school wearing 'dance clothing' as each class will be taking part in a Dance-a-thon! Each class will dance for a hour slot to make sure the school is dancing all day long! We are asking for a £1 donation to take part in the event. Further details to follow.



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.

Welcome Back and Bon Voyage!

This term, Mrs Jones will be returning from her maternity leave. Unfortunately, this means we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Slonecki who has been with us since last year.



Think for yourself, care for others

Reception's Curriculum

Literacy	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. As well as our class book we will also be observing our eggs and chicks and filling in an observation book. We will continue to look at writing in sentences and the key features of a sentence we need to include in our work.
Maths	This half term we will be recapping on the numbers learnt so far and then starting with number 13. 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.
Knowledge and understanding of the world	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. We will also learn about the life cycle of chicks through real life observation. On 4 th March we will be having an incubator and eggs in our classroom and we will be keeping a close eye on them to see them hatch. How 'eggciting' will this be?!
RE	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.
PE	This half term we have a great opportunity to work with a drama teacher. We will be 'acting' based on the Bear Hunt story. We will also have Forest School to develop our confidence in moving and climbing in the dell area.
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.
Expressive arts	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.

Year 2's Curriculum

English	This term we spend time focusing on how to write a fact sheet. We will be spending lots of time researching unusual creatures and talking about the difference between fact/opinions. We will build up to writing our own fact sheet about an unusual creature of our choice.
Maths	This term, we will finish our unit on 2D shapes. We will be looking at describing shapes. Using language like: sides, vertices, polygons, quadrilaterals, symmetrical. We will also cover fractions, time and 3D shape. It would be really helpful if they can start learning to tell the time at home.
Science	<u>Animals including humans</u> We will be looking at the changes in humans and animals as they grow. We will describe the basic needs of animals including humans for survival (water, food and air). Additionally, we will describe the importance of exercise, eating the right amounts of food and hygiene.
RE	<u>Islam</u> We will be exploring the different beliefs and faiths of Islam.
PE	<u>Rounders</u> This half term we will be looking at all of the different skills in Rounders. We will practise: bowling, catching, batting, fielding, running and team work. We will be playing lots of different matches to develop our tactics/skills.
Art	<u>Collage</u> We will start by looking at the work of Pablo Picasso. We will use the technique collage to create different pieces of work.
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.

Year 3's Curriculum

English	This half term, we will be working on exciting story writing to produce our own myth. The children will work on creating their own mythological creature, writing a battle scene and be introduced to show not tell writing techniques. In reading, the children will continue to work on inference skills.
Maths	During this half term, we will work on understanding money. We will look at using money in the real world calculating costs and change. After money, we will move onto learning to tell the time on both digital and analogue clocks.
Topic	<p><u>Changes in Britain since the Stone Age</u></p> <p>This term, we continue on our exciting journey into the changes that happened in Britain since the Stone Age. We will be looking at cave paintings and foraging for our own paint materials, as well as looking at and recreating Stonehenge.</p>
Science	The children will be finishing their rocks topic with Mrs Slonecki.
RE	This term's topic looks at the question 'What are we prepared to sacrifice?' This learning will link with the Christian celebrations of Lent and Easter.
MFL	Last half term, we did not cover the French that we had planned, therefore we will continue to work on last half terms learning.
PE	This term, the children will have the opportunity to go down into The Dell and enjoy an afternoon developing their gross motor skills. Additionally, the children will also take part in weekly netball lessons, working on the skills of the game before taking part in matches.
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	After we have finished last half terms learning, the children will be working on showing off their PowerPoint skills. The children will be working on turning their story writing into their own interactive book.

Year 4's Curriculum

English	This half term, we will be focusing on many new Year 4 four features and using them to write different types of stories. These will include: stories from an imaginary world and stories from other cultures.
Maths	This term, we are finishing our unit on Fractions and then moving on to a unit of time. We will be exploring many different methods and working on how we should present our work in our journal to show our full understanding.
Topic	<p><u>Changes in Britain since the Stone Age</u></p> <p>This term, we continue on our exciting journey into the changes that happened in Britain since the Stone Age. We will be looking at cave paintings and foraging for our own paint materials, as well as looking at and recreating Stone Henge.</p>
Science	This half term, Year 4 will be investigation Solids, liquids and Gases. They will use their scientific knowledge to carry out an investigation.
RE	<p>This term's topic looks at the question 'What are we prepared to sacrifice?'</p> <p>This learning will link with the Christian celebrations of Lent and Easter.</p>
MFL	Last half term, we did not cover the French that we had planned, therefore we will continue to work on last half terms learning.
PE	This term, the Year 3/4 children will have the opportunity to go down into The Dell and enjoy an afternoon developing their gross motor skills.. The Year 4/5 children will continue with their weekly swimming lessons. Additionally, the children will also take part in weekly netball lessons, working on the skills of the game before taking part in matches.
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	After we have finished last half terms learning, the children will be working on showing off their PowerPoint skills. The children will be working on turning their story writing into their own interactive book.

Year 5's Curriculum

English	In English this half term, Year 5 will continue to learn about play scripts. Using our new drama tuition, the children will have the opportunity to act out some of their ideas. Keep your eyes on Seesaw to watch how their confidence progresses.
Maths	During Maths lessons, Year 5 will be focusing on decimals. To begin the term, we will recap on the place value of decimal numbers before comparing numbers. Once the children are confident, we will begin to add and subtract decimals. To support learning at home, I will place a range of games on Seesaw for the children to play.
Science	Working scientifically, Year 5 will be exploring properties of materials. The children will learn: how to categorise materials, using scientific vocabulary; the difference between reversible and irreversible changes and how to test a material's properties using scientific methods.
Computing	To ensure that we are able to display our work effectively, this term will focus on how to effectively use PowerPoint and word. Once the children can use the software, they will be creating their own books.
RE	<u>What are we prepared to sacrifice?</u> This half term we will be looking at the key question in relation to Christianity. At the end of the term, Class 5 will consider sacrifices they have made and how it has made them feel.
PE	In PE this term the children will be continuing to build on their swimming skills during weekly lessons at the centre. On a Friday afternoon, Class Five will also take part in netball lessons with Mrs Slonecki- focusing on attacking and defending.
Topic	In topic this term we will continue to study the Stone Age to Iron Age era. The children will explore how the lifestyle of early humans changed through the discovery of new materials.
PSHCE	Each week the children will participate in a range of PSHCE lessons linked to the British values.
French	We will begin the term by revising colours and body parts. Once the children are confident with their pronunciation, writing and reading of this key vocabulary, they will create a Chatter Pix describing their own appearance.

Year 6's Curriculum

English	As we thought, in the last term we didn't get time to work on our Biography unit, so this term we will! We will be looking at the way we can present information to allow the reader to be informed and entertained. We will be continuing our reading of the Wolf Brother book in Guided Reading, as well as looking at the different question types we may be asked in our upcoming SATs.
Maths	This term, we are moving onto word problems and then a longer unit on measures. We will be focussing on conversation of units and how to calculate area, perimeter and volume.
Topic	<u>Changes in Britain since the Stone Age</u> This term, we continue on our exciting journey into the changes that happened in Britain since the Stone Age. We will be looking at cave paintings and foraging for our own paint materials, as well as looking at and recreating Stone Henge.
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	This term's topic continues with our 'Is Life a Journey' theme by focussing on saying sorry and answering the question ' <i>Can saying sorry change things?</i> ' We will be looking at this in our own lives as well as how the Christian church teaches the importance of forgiveness through parables.
MFL	<u>Vocabulary Building</u> With so many Healthitude sessions last half term, we did not cover as much French as we hoped. So this half term we will look at colours and body parts such as <i>jambe</i> .
PE	<u>Dance</u> This half term, our PE stays to a Tuesday as we spend the afternoon looking at the skills necessary to creating a piece of dance to a given piece of music. We will look at how to express emotion with our bodies.
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.