



# Beechwood Primary School

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## Happy New Year!

We hope you have all had a magical Christmas with your friends and families. It is lovely to see the children return to school this week fresh faced and ready to learn.

### Dates for your diary

	18 <sup>th</sup> Jan- Year 6 Learning Journey
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan- Reception Learning Journey	29 <sup>th</sup> Jan- 5:00pm Y2 SATs meeting
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan- Year 6 Parents' Evening	29 <sup>th</sup> Jan- 5:00pm Y6 SATs meeting
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan- Year 1 and 2 Learning Journey	29 <sup>th</sup> Jan- 4:30pm Y1 Residential meeting
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan- Year 6 Parents' Evening	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb- PTA Sleepover; details to follow
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan- Class 4 Learning Journey	8 <sup>th</sup> Feb- School closes for half term
17 <sup>th</sup> Jan- Class 5 Learning Journey	

### PTA

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter, @ptabeechwood to keep up to date on all that is happening.

### Forest Schools

This half term we rest the Dell to allow the area to recover and regrow; therefore no class will have Forest Schools.

### Parent Meetings

A few meetings have been scheduled for parents of Years 1, 2 and 6. All meetings are on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, taking place in the relevant classroom.

Year 1 parents and carers, there has been a Residential Meeting scheduled to give you the information required ready for the upcoming trip. This meeting is at 4:30pm.

Year 2 and Year 6 parents have SATs meetings both at 5pm. This will provide you with the information you need in preparation for your child taking the End of Key Stage tests.

### Family Readers

We are fortunate to have some wonderful family members who kindly come into school to listen to the children read. If you, or a grandparent, feels they could offer some time each week to share the school's passion for reading, please contact the school and we would be happy to have you!

**Think for yourself, care for others**



## Reception's Curriculum

Literacy	This half term our topic is all about animals, we will be reading 'Dear Zoo', creating our own versions of the story and writing about the story characters. We will write lists of animals and use adjectives to describe them. We will also begin 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 numbers to 10 and then starting with number 11. 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.
Knowledge and understanding of the world	Our topic this half term is all about animals, we will look at different areas of a zoo and the areas in which animals live in the zoo. Discussing why some areas have water, some are kept warm and some are kept cool. We will research where some zoo animals live in the wild. We will compare some contrasting places such as Arctic regions, rainforests and safari areas and the animals that live there. We will also think about the different foods animals eat.
RE	This half term we will be looking at Jesus and thinking about the question- 'How do we show that we belong?' We also look at the Chinese New Year celebrations.
PE	We are working on gymnastics in P.E. this half term and the children will have lots of opportunities to develop their balancing and co-ordination skills. We will sit up, stand up and balance on various parts of the body. Demonstrate the control necessary to hold a shape or fixed position. Negotiate space successfully when playing chasing games with other children, adjusting speed or changing direction to avoid obstacles. Travel around, under, over and through balancing and climbing equipment. Move with control and coordination and jump off an object and land appropriately.
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	There will be lots of creative opportunities this half term as children will be engaging in a range of activities, making zoo animal collages, re-creating animal patterns using various printing materials, mixing colours and shades to paint animals, designing our own zoo using large and small construction equipment, making zoo animal sounds using percussion instruments. They will also have the opportunity to work together to help create our zoo and pet pamper parlour role play areas.



## Year 1's Curriculum

<b>English</b>	In English this half term we will be focusing on all things Dinosaur! The children will begin the half term by listening to the story Dear Dinosaur, here they will learn about writing questions and using exclamation marks. The children will use a range of non-fiction books to find out information about dinosaurs and will write their own dinosaur mini book. Towards the end of the half term the children will see a surprise visitor in our playground and will learn how to write a fictional recount about what they have seen. Finally, the children will write a story with a fantasy setting based on the book 'Dinosaurs Love Underpants'.
<b>Maths</b>	This term the children will extend their knowledge of number by beginning to work with numbers up to 20. The children will learn to read, write and compare numbers before moving on to look at number patterns. Following this unit, the children will begin to learn about addition and subtraction of numbers within 20.
<b>Topic</b>	<u>Changes within living memory</u> Our topic this half term focuses on History. The children will explore popular toys throughout the 20th century and the early 21st century. Throughout the unit, the children will develop a range of historical skills such as: asking and answering questions, identifying and interpreting different sources and recognising change and exploring how this influences them today.
<b>Science</b>	Our science topic this half term is Materials themed and will focus on Science. The children will learn about Everyday Materials - exploring materials and their properties. During this topic the children will look at why materials are chosen to make certain items and they will use this knowledge to help them plan, complete and conclude an experiment.
<b>Computing</b>	Programming Toys - during this unit the children will be introduced to algorithms as a set of set by step instructions to control a toy. The children will learn how to move toys in different directions and debug algorithms to solve simple problems.
<b>DT</b>	As part of our DT unit will be exploring Wheels and Axles. The children will design and make a moving vehicle - keep an eye out on SEESAW to see what we create!
<b>RE</b>	In RE this half term we will be learning about Islam. The children will read stories such as 'The Tiny Ants' by Gill Vaisey, which show how the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) respected living things. We will then link this to how we show respect for the world.
<b>PE</b>	This half term the children will be creating a variety of dance moves linked to the theme of toys. The children will be encouraged to listen and respond to music whilst working both individually and with a partner.
<b>Music</b>	This half term, Year 1 will be exploring new genres of music including: blues, baroque, bhangra and Latin. Using body percussion, the children will continue to practice responding to the music.



## Year 2's Curriculum

English	This half term we will be looking at stories in familiar settings. We will cover a range of writing skills including: instructions, descriptions, story writing and writing letters.
Maths	We will be covering two units in Singapore maths. We will begin with length and progress onto mass. In the chapter on length pupils will get a better understanding of how to measure length. They will begin by understanding what a metre is and what centimetres are and then progress to using them in real-life contexts. In the chapter on mass pupils will be learning about mass in the context of kilograms and grams. They will learn how to read a scale, to compare the weight of different objects and to solve word problems relating to mass.
Computing	This term we will be further exploring algorithms and how to use them within technology. We will look at de-bugging our algorithms and problems that may arise.
Science	Our topic for this half term is: use of everyday materials. We will Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. Finding out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.
Music	In Music this half term, Year 2 will be learning how to play together as an ensemble. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose a song, children will listen and appraise classic rock songs.
PE	This term our focus is on gymnastic skills. We will be particularly looking at using equipment in different ways. The skills that we will cover include: different jumps, balancing, rolling skills, moving in different ways, using equipment safely including the climbing frame.
RE	Throughout this term, the children will be exploring how different people and cultures might show devotion. This will include looking at people who are special to them and how they show gratitude towards these special people. The children will also explore Hinduism by learning about why Hindus believe that it important to show devotion to different deities.
PSHCE	This 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 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 3's Curriculum

English	In English, we will continue to explore different genres of writing. We will be finishing our persuasive letters and then moving on to writing instructions. Do you know how wash to was a Woolly Mammoth? Towards the end of the term, the children will learn how to write and follow play scripts.
Maths	The children should continue to practice their column multiplication and division skills at home and during morning challenges. This half term the children will focus on mass, weight and length.
Topic	During spring, we will start our new topic focusing on the Stone Age to the Iron Age. The children will explore all of the eras comparing them not only to one and other but to today's way of life. The children will continue this learning with lots of practical activities in Art and DT. The children will be making tools, home and cave paintings.
Science	During this half term, the children will be focusing on the topic of Rocks for their Science lessons. Throughout this topic, the children will work scientifically to investigate different types of rocks and explore how fossils are made.
RE	Within RE we will begin to look at Sikhism. We will explore the question 'What is expected of a person in following a religion or belief?' We hope to learn lots about the religion and explore how we are all parts of different belief groups.
MFL	In French, the children will be learning how to describe different people based on the colour of their hair and eyes. The children will continue to combine this with the words and phrases that they have already learnt.
PE	PE this term, will introduce children to gymnastics. The children will learn a range of floor techniques as well as using some of the apparatus.
PSHCE	Each week, the children will participate in a range of PSHCE lessons linked to the British values. This will be displayed on Seesaw to be shared with parents and the children may either discuss this, complete a task on Seesaw or complete written work in their PSHCE books.

## Year 5's Curriculum

English	In English this half term, Year 5 will be learning how to write instructions. The children will start the term by analysing the key features within a range of texts, before writing their own instructions on How to Build a Stone Age Home.
Maths	During Maths lessons, Year 5 will be focusing on fractions. To begin the term, we will recap on: dividing whole numbers to create a fraction; creating equivalent fractions; and comparing and ordering fractions. As children build their confidence they will begin to add fractions, with a focus on fractions with different denominators.
Science	In Science this term, Year Five will be looking at the topic of Living Things and Their Habitats. Working scientifically, the children will be exploring the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds.
Computing	To ensure that we are able to display out work effectively this term will focus on how to effectively use PowerPoint and word. Once the children can use the software, they will be using it to create their own books.
RE	<u>What is expected of a person in following a religion or belief?</u>  This half term we will be studying the key question in relation to Sikhism. The children discover the meaning of their names and deciding what name they would choose to represent themselves.
PE	In PE this term the children will be building 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	Our Topic lessons during this term will focus on The Stone Age. The children will study how and why homes, lifestyles and tools changed throughout this era. Outside of the classroom, Class Five will be given the opportunity to make stone age tools and source ingredients to make stone age paint from The Dell.
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French	We will begin the term by revising colours and body parts. Once the children are confidence with their pronunciation, writing and reading of this key vocabulary, they will create a Chatter Pix describing their own appearance.



## Year 4's topics

English	In English, we will be finishing writing our persuasive letters. Once completed, we will continue to explore different genres of writing. Our next genre will be persuasive adverts, the children will learn about the powers of persuasion and how to use it to attract your attention to the most boring objects.
Maths	The children will continue to develop their column multiplication and division skills. After this, we will be focusing on fractions. Please continue to practice times tables with your child. Keep an eye on Seesaw for new games to help you each week.
Topic	During spring, we will start our new topic focusing on the Stone Age to the Iron Age. The children will explore all of the eras comparing them not only to one and other but to today's way of life. The children will continue this learning with lots of practical activities in Art and DT. The children will be making tools, home and cave paintings.
Science	This term we will be exploring the topic of 'Sound'. The children will work scientifically to learn about how different sounds are made and learn to find patterns between the pitch and volume of sound.
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 using it to create their own books.
PE	PE this term, will introduce children to gymnastics. The children will learn a range of floor techniques as well as using some of the apparatus.
RE	Within RE we will begin to look at Sikhism. We will explore the question 'What is expected of a person in following a religion or belief?' We hope to learn lots about the religion and explore how we are all parts of different belief groups.
PSHCE	Each week the children will participate in a range of PSHCE lessons linked to the British values. This will be displayed on Seesaw to be shared with parents and the children may either discuss this, complete a task on Seesaw or complete written work in their PSHCE books.
French	In French, the children will be learning how to describe different people based on the colour of their hair and eyes. The children will continue to combine this with the words and phrases that they have already learnt.

## Year 6's Curriculum

English	This term we spend time focusing on how to write a in a persuasive style which doesn't read like a cheesy radio advert! This is not an easy skill and so will take us some time! We hope to then move on to biographies- time dependant. In reading, we will
Maths	This term, we are finishing our work on Fractions before we move onto Decimals. In our Fractions unit, we are focussing on how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions; whilst applying our understanding of simplifying improper fractions on the way.
Topic	<u>Changes in Britain since the Stone Age</u>  This term, we venture on an exciting journey into the changes that happened in Britain since the Stone Age. We will look at the changes in houses, tools and the use of land through the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.
Science	<u>Evolution</u>  To link in with our topic of the Stone Age, we are going to be looking at the topic of 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 we will be looking at the idea of 'duty' and deciding if we would submit the things we want to do over the duty we have to our family or religion. We look at the 5 Pillars of Islam and how Muslim people submit to these.
MFL	<u>Vocabulary Building</u>  This term, we will continue to work with French numbers to 100 and learn how to calculate with these. We will also look at colours and body parts such as <i>jambe</i> .
PE	<u>Netball</u>  This half term, our PE moves to a Tuesday as we spend the afternoon looking at the skills necessary of this invasion game. We will be building our ball control and focusing on ensuring our footwork does not lose our team the possession of the ball.
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.