



# Beechwood Primary School

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## Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a restful half term with not too many sweets during the Halloween celebrations. We are looking forward to the exciting half term ahead as we count down to (dare I say it in November) Christmas!

### Dates for your diary

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| 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov- School opens for Autumn Term 2   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec- Year 2 Christmas Journey- details to follow |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov- School Health in   | 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec- Malala Class Assembly 9am. All welcome      |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov- 3:30pm PTA Meeting- all welcome!                                       | 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec- Singing at the Beechwood Centre            |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov- Children in Need- children to dress up in spotty clothing £1 donation | 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec- KS1 Play 9am KS2 Singing 2pm and 6pm       |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov- Non uniform day. Confectionary donation                               | 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec- KS1 Play 2pm                               |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov- Halton PlayDay for selected children                                  | 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec- Snowman Drive- helpers needed!             |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov- PTA Pamper Night!   | 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec- Christmas Dinner                           |
|   | 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec- KS1 Christmas Party- details tbc           |
|   | 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec- School Closes at 1:30pm                    |

### Home Reading

Thank you to the families who find time in their busy working schedules to read with their child/ren each evening. The impact on their learning that this has is tremendous!

"The man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read."

Mark Twain



### SeeSaw

Thank you to all the parents and families who have connected with their child's SeeSaw account. We hope that you are finding this app useful and enjoy seeing your child grow as much as we do!

### Swimming

This year, Year 4 will swim each Wednesday.  
First session 13<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
Last Session 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
Starts again 15<sup>th</sup> Jan.

### PTA

This year, as well as raising money to fund our music tuition, a visiting author, drama lessons and other small projects, the wonderful PTA- of which you are all members of- are raising money to give our playground a make over with new lines and hopefully new activities.



## Reception's Curriculum

Literacy	This half term we will be working with our class story 'The Little Red Hen'. We will create a class story map and then learn to retell the story with actions. We will then be looking at sequencing it and writing the story down. We will also be looking at how bread is made and writing the recipe. This will lead onto our Christmas theme, when we will be writing our letters to Father Christmas. We will also continue to look at learning our letters and sounds and use this knowledge to build CVC words.
Maths	This half term we will be starting with number 6, we will continue to focus on working with a number each week. Children will become familiar with recognising and naming the numbers through a range of activities, including ordering numbers, matching numbers to the correct quantities and answering number problems. Children will also learn about patterns and shapes, developing their understanding of common 2D shapes, size order and positional language.
Knowledge and understanding of the world	This half term the children will be given lots of opportunities to learn about life in our world. We will be learning about life on a farm and looking at hens and other animals that live on a farm. We will then look at different animal habitats and compare. We will also be tasting different breads and then baking our own bread.
RE	This half term we will continue to look at Christianity and God and the important celebrations. We will especially focus on the Christmas story and about the different ways that people celebrate Christmas.
PE	The children will develop their ball skills this half term. They will experiment with one handed throws and two handed catches with beanbags first of all and then they will practice to send and receive a ball by rolling. We will develop our throwing and catching with increasing control before moving on to play simple team games with a scoring system.
PSHCE	Each 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.
Expressive arts	There will be lots of creative opportunities this half term as children will be making models, colour mixing to make farm animal paintings, acting out the Little Red Hen story, and helping to create our Vets role play area. The children will also be experimenting with making the sounds of the different story characters and events. Very soon we will be practicing for our Christmas play and learning the songs.



## Year 1

### Rosen Class

English	<p><u>Traditional Tales</u></p> <p>This half term we will be focusing on Traditional Tales. We will read lots of different types of Traditional Tales and become familiar with the language. We will also learn the story of Goldilocks and the three bears. We will describe different characters, write instructions, write the story and eventually change the story to make write our own version. We are heavily focussing on starting a sentence with a Capital Letter and finishing our idea with a full stop.</p>
Maths	<p>Year 1 will be continuing their Singapore Maths journey. We will finish our unit on addition and then move on to Subtraction. We will learn different methods for subtraction including crossing out, number lines and objects. Once we have mastered these skills using numbers to 10 we will extend and learn these skills using numbers to 20.</p>
Topic	<p><u>Christmas around the world</u></p> <p>This half term we will be moving onto a Geography based topic. We will explore the different continents and oceans of the world. We will look at and compare different Christmas traditions and try to locate these places on a map.</p>
Science	<p><u>Animals including humans</u></p> <p>This term we will look at describing animals and their different features. We will also look at grouping animals. We will explore Reptiles, Mammals, Birds, Fish, Amphibians and different types of animals. Additionally, we will look at carnivores and herbivores.</p>
RE	<p><u>Christianity</u></p> <p>This half term we will focus on Christianity and Jesus. The children will look at the following question: Why is Jesus special to Christians? We will look at the value and meaning of friends and family and focus upon the Nativity Story.</p>
PE	<p>This term Year 1 will continue with our specialist dance teacher learning about movement.</p>
PSHCE	<p>Each 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</p>



## Year 2's Curriculum

<b>English</b>	To start the half term Year 2 will work on poem. The children will be using Kit Wright's Magic Box poem to create their own box with interesting items inside. After this, the children will be moving on to traditional tales. The children will read a range of traditional tales before creating their own version of The Three Little Pigs. It would be great if the children continued working on their handwriting, reading and spelling at home. The more they read the more they know.
<b>Maths</b>	Year 2 will be continuing their Singapore Maths journey. We move on to multiplication and division but will still be practicing the other operations each week. If you would like to support your child in this area, ask these type of questions when you are driving! For example: I went to the shop and bought 4 boxes of 2 apples. How many apples do I have? These problems can link to their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
<b>Topic</b>	<u>Christmas Around The World</u> Now that we have completed our History topic on Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Mother Teresa we will move onto Geography. The children will be learning the continents of the world and what Christmas looks like there. The children will also need to know the countries within Great Britain. Closer to Christmas. The children will need to use their compass skills to guide home some lost reindeers.
<b>Science</b>	<u>Animals including humans</u> This term focuses on adults and their offspring. The children will be looking at both animals and humans. The children will also be continuing their work on how to keep the body healthy by looking at exercise.
<b>RE</b>	Understand Why Christians say that Jesus is the 'Light of the World'. The children will explore this through the tradition of Christingle.
<b>MFL</b>	This half term will we be adding to our knowledge of numbers - learning numbers 11-20. We will also look at the weather and begin to recognise language to describe a range of animals.
<b>PE</b>	This term year 2 will be focusing on Kurling. Children will develop skills of technique, control and self-evaluation identifying ways to evaluate and prove their skills. Children will engage within individual and team challenges working collaboratively with others. The children will also participate in an afternoon of Forest Schools.
<b>PSHCE</b>	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.
<b>Homework</b>	The homework sent home will continue to be of the same style as last half term. Please try to let your child answer the questions and if you do help them put a little star next to the questions which they needed help on. This way we can go over the questions in class.



## Year 3's Curriculum

English	This half term we will be having more of a focus on non-fiction texts. The children will begin by continuing to develop their knowledge of The Maya by completing a Mayan information page. We will work on different written features such as fronted adverbials and language choices. We will then work on our letter writing skills as our other non-fiction text where we will learn about how to write in different tenses. It is imperative that you continue to read regularly at home and question the children about their understanding too.
Maths	Year 3 will be continuing their Singapore Maths journey. We move on to formal methods and how we can use these within our problem solving. We will be working on multiplication and the use of times tables as well as beginning to look at more formal multiplication methods too. Please continue to practise your maths monsters with your children as we will work on times tables regularly in class.
Topic	The children will look at placing The Maya in a timeline of history and understand the difference between UK history and worldwide history. The children will look at Mayan masks and will work on designing and creating their own masks.
Science	This half term's focus is on how we see things. We will be looking at light sources and creating our own shadow puppets. We will then investigate how we can change the size and location of a shadow.
Computing	The children are continuing to think about the basic skills and will focus on their research skills. The children will learn about how a search engine such as Google works to find results and will discuss how the keywords used are important. The children will then research and present their findings using past knowledge from last half term.
RE	This half term the children will be looking at Islam and discussing the above question. The children will look at Qu'r'an and creating their own rules to follow. They will also discuss and debate whether or not you should follow religious laws/rules.
PE	This half term the children will be developing their archery skills. We will begin by looking at the basics of archery and discussing the skills that are needed eg. Coordination. We will then work at applying this to some competitions and scoring to encourage the children to monitor their progress.
PSHCE	We will continue to look at topical events in the news to develop the children's understanding and empathy of the world around them. Each week this topic and theme will be introduced before being looked at further during PSHCE lessons. The year 3 children will also be participating in a British values project which will include participating in drama, art and music linked to British Values.
Music	The children this half term will continue to focus on learning to play the notes on a recorder. They will finish the songs from last half term and will then move onto more festive songs.
French	This half term the children will be learning to count to 20 in French and will work on different ways and games to help them practise this skill.



## Year 4's Curriculum

English	This half term we will be delving into stories set in imaginary worlds and exploring writing a set of instructions. We will be focusing upon the skill of show not tell and its use in creating a vivid image in the readers mind.
Maths	This half term we will focus on addition and subtraction of numbers within 10,000 using mental strategies, renaming and solving word problems. We will also heavily focus upon times tables, supporting children to consolidate their knowledge and gain confidence with mental maths.
Topic	<u>The Maya</u> Once we have finished comparing the regions the Maya lived in with the UK in Geography, we will move onto the History side of this topic by looking at how they lived and their culture.
Science	This year Science will be taught by Mrs Kidd and Mrs Woodcock. During the first term the children will be learning about animals and humans focusing on teeth and how our digestive system works.
RE	<u>Where can people find guidance on how to live their lives?</u> The children will be learning about the Islam faith and how the Qur'an is used for guidance. The children will make links with issues of decision making and guidance in their own lives
MFL	This half term we will be focusing upon the alphabet, numbers 1-20 and describing members of our family.
PE	This term year 4 and 5 will be focusing on archery developing skills of technique and control. Pupils will develop skills in precision, control and recognition of their own success demonstrating evaluation and improvement.
PSHCE	Each 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.
Art / DT	ART This half term will be creating our own Mayan masks. We will be exploring different brush strokes whilst using water colour as our media choice. The children will have the opportunity to explore how to make different tones and tints to add mood to their art work.
Homework	Homework will be sent out on a Thursday and is too be returned the following Tuesday. The children are encouraged to seek me out if they found a question particularly tricky.



## Year 5's Curriculum

English	This half term we will be writing recounts. We have been linking our writing to our Science topics of Space and Forces. The children will use their knowledge to create recounts of real-life events which include the Year 5 features they have been taught.
Maths	During maths lessons, Year 5 will be focusing on multiplication and division. Homework throughout this term will focus on improving the children's rapid recall of multiplication facts. To help your child, I have placed a range of multiplication games on Seesaw.
Topic	<u>The Maya</u> Once we have finished comparing the regions the Maya lived in with the UK in Geography, we will move onto the History side of this topic by looking at how they lived and their culture.
Science	<u>Forces</u> The children will continue to work scientifically to create a range of experiments which include, investigating which material will create the most effective parachute.
RE	<u>Where can people find guidance on how to live their lives?</u> The children will be learning about the Islam faith and how the Qur'an is used for guidance. The children will make links with issues of decision making and guidance in their own lives
MFL	This half term we will be focusing upon the alphabet, numbers 1-20 and describing members of our family.
PE	This term year 4 and 5 will be focusing on archery developing skills of technique and control. Pupils will develop skills in precision, control and recognition of their own success demonstrating evaluation and improvement.
PSHCE	Each 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.
Art	This half term will be creating our own Mayan masks. We will be exploring different brush strokes whilst using water colour as our media choice. The children will have the opportunity to explore how to make different tones and tints to add mood to their art work.



## Year 6's Curriculum

<b>English</b>	Once we have finished our unit on Biographies, we will move onto debate writing. We will build on the skills we learnt in Year 5 in order to discuss the topic of Christmas. Our key focus is ensuring that our debates are cohesive (easy to read and flow well) which allows the reader to clearly understand the points we are discussing. In reading, we will be continuing to tighten up on our ability to use the hidden clues we are given by the writer to predict the outcome of a story as well as justifying our opinions with evidence from the text. You can support your child by asking them about how a character is feeling at certain points of the stories they are reading and asking them to give the specific reference from the text which justifies their view. We will be working on forming an answer which is clear and precise.
<b>Maths</b>	Year 6 will be continuing their Singapore Maths journey. We move on to formal methods and how we can use these within our problem solving. We then move onto Fractions- looking at how we can simplify these as well as calculate with them. Our Reasoning focus will be on problems which rely on our ability to work backwards, such as 'I think of a number...' type questions. If you would like to support your child in this area, ask these type of questions when you are driving! For example: I think of a number, first I add 5 to it and then I double it. My answer is 24. What was my number? You can make these more and more complex as your child grows in confidence.
<b>Topic</b>	<u>The Maya</u> Once we have finished comparing the regions the Maya lived in with the UK in Geography, we will move onto the History side of this topic by looking at how they lived and their culture.
<b>Science</b>	<u>Light</u> This terms' focus is on how we see things. We will be looking at light sources and investigating how we can change the size of a shadow.
<b>RE</b>	<u>Do we have to live our lives in a certain way?</u> We will be looking at the Hindu diorama of reincarnation and karma.
<b>MFL</b>	<u>Around Town</u> As we were given an impromptu unit of Mandarin, we finish our work on place names by taking a stroll around a French town and learning the names of significant places along the way.
<b>PE</b>	This term Year 6 will be focusing on Hockey. We will be looking at how to travel at speed whilst still keeping the ball under full control.
<b>PSHCE</b>	Each 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.
<b>Homework</b>	The homework sent home will continue to be of the same style as last half term. As I mentioned in our Year 6 Welcome Letter, there will be areas your child may find tricky at this point in the school year. We go over the homework each week when we mark it together and discuss any questions the children found tricky. The children are encouraged to seek me out on Tuesday playtimes if they found a question particularly tricky.