



# Beechwood Primary School

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## Welcome Back!

It's lovely to see the children back with smiles on their faces and tales of wonderful, fun-filled holidays! We hope everyone enjoyed the Easter Holidays.

### Dates for your diary

17<sup>th</sup> June- Netball Residential Meeting. 3:30pm

24<sup>th</sup> April- PTA Meeting. 6:30pm

WB 14<sup>th</sup> May- SATs Week for the Year 6 children

25<sup>th</sup> May- School closes for half term

6<sup>th</sup> June- School opens for children

### SATs

As you may already be aware, the Year 6 children will soon be sitting their End of Key Stage Two SATs tests on the week of 14<sup>th</sup> May. The children have worked incredibly hard throughout their time in Key Stage Two and are well prepared. We wish them the best of luck and have faith that they will succeed!

### Ice Skating

Starting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, the Year 4 and 6 children will be beginning a 10-week ice skating or ice hockey course. The children will need to ensure they bring with them, in a separate bag, warm, winter-like clothes (including gloves) each week.

### Summer Safety

Please ensure your child has a sun hat and water bottle with them each day as we approach the hot Summer's days (fingers crossed!).

## Singapore Workshops

There will be a series of Singapore Workshops over the Summer and Autumn Terms. They are aimed at providing an overview of what exactly a Singapore Maths lesson is, as well as knowledge of how we teach the children to approach certain problems using methods such as the Bar Model.

The first Workshop will be aimed at the Year 1 parents, as their children have only recently begun their journey with Singapore Maths. If you would like to attend, please either return the slip below, or inform us through a text into school or SeeSaw.

### Singapore Workshop-Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending the Singapore Workshop.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Reception Topics

Literacy	This half term our topic is Traditional Tales. We will be reading 'The Gingerbread man ' story and 'The 3 little pigs' , we will become familiar with the stories and then re-write them in our own words. We will discuss the sequence of the events in stories and role play the stories using puppets, masks and actions. We will be writing speech bubbles for the gingerbread man, fox, wolf and the pigs in the stories. Finally, we will be writing creatively based on the traditional tales we have read.
Maths	This half term we will be recapping on the numbers learnt so far and then starting with number 18. 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 subtraction and problem solving. .
Knowledge and understanding of the world	<p>This half term we will be learning about materials. We will build 3d structures of houses in groups and test them for durability. We will make fronts for houses out of bricks/straw/hay/large card and investigate how bricks are put together to make a strong wall. We will also explore making houses from different construction materials and think about the texture and properties of these materials.</p> <p>In ICT we will become familiar with programming the Bee-Bot wolf to direct him from house to house.</p>
RE	This half term we will further our knowledge of religion and think more about the question- 'How do we show that we belong?' We will look at community symbols and at what builds/helps our community. We will look at the special places in our community and important times for our community. We will be introducing the Islam religion and comparing with Christianity and we will look at types of clothing and how it can make us special.
PE	Our topic in P.E. this half term is outdoor games and the children will have further opportunities to develop their throwing and catching skills as well as kicking and batting skills. They will also further develop working as part of team and understand the importance of following the rules of a game and working collaboratively.
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	Our creative opportunities this half term will include: painting story pictures, making mini-houses for testing, making masks, finger puppets (3 little pigs, gingerbread man), stick puppets and animal headbands for role-play. We will be making split pin gingerbread men and explore using different materials to create settings from the story. The children will also have the opportunity to work together to help develop our Gingerbread cottage and Builders yard role play areas.



## Year One's Topics

English	Year One are looking at stories with familiar settings this half term. We will be using a technique called Talk4Writing which focusses on immersing the children in the books so that they know each text we look at very well. As part of this unit the children will be writing invites, recount and will re tell the story.
Maths	This half term Year One will continue to cover a range of maths skills. We will be begin by looking at multiplication. Here we will look at how to group objects equally and how to record these as number sentences before moving on to division and fractions.
Topic	Can we build a stadium in Beechwood? This half term, we will look at the geography of Beechwood using mapping programmes. We will be exploring the structure of different stadiums and writing letters based on where we think is best to build a stadium in our local area. We will then construct our own model stadium as a class.
Art	This half term the children will be looking at the artist L.S Lowry. They will begin by finding out about Lowry before moving on to explore the media used by Lowry himself. The children will learn about perspective in art and will create their own Lowry inspired cityscape.
RE	What is God like? This half term, we will be discussing our key question in relation to Hinduism. The children will explore Hinduism, focusing on the festival of Diwali.
Music	This half term the children will be learning a selection of songs ready for the Infant Music Festival which will be held at The Heath School, in May. The songs this year are all linked to science and have lots of actions to go with them.
PE	During PE lessons, Year One will be focusing on mastering basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching. Through a range of activities, including cricket tuition, the children will build their co-ordination and agility.
Computing	This half term Year One will be focussing on developing their word processing skills by using Microsoft Word to save and open work, type sentences and add pictures to their work.



## Year Two's Topics

<b>English</b>	During this half term we will begin by looking at a significant author (David Walliams). We will read a range of his chapter books, as well as some of his picture books. We're looking at comparing different authors, and discussing their style of writing. We will produce a range of writing for different purposes to showcase the learning we have done this year. Additionally, we will look at performance poetry and writing our own poems.
<b>Maths</b>	This half term we will be covering: 3D shapes, money, word problems and capacity. These units give the children lots of opportunities to apply the learning in practical and real-life situations. We will explore money through a range of different problems. Children will be able to describe the properties of 3D shapes and identify the measurements to measure capacity.
<b>Topic</b>	During this term our topic is called 'Magical Mapping'. We will explore the world and what it is made up of. Starting with our local area, we will begin to learn about the seven continents and oceans. Learning facts about the different continents and oceans. We will be applying our skills learnt in English and create fact sheets about continents.
<b>Science</b>	<p>This term our topic we will continue to learn about plants. By the end of this half term children should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look closely at plants and trees.</li> <li>• Record what they see by drawing or writing.</li> <li>• Follow instructions to plant a seed and a bulb.</li> <li>• Order the life cycle of a plant.</li> <li>• Suggest how to care for a plant so it grows well.</li> <li>• Give examples of food crops.</li> <li>• Explain that plants are living things</li> </ul>
<b>PE</b>	Our focus for this half term is Netball. We will begin by learning the difference sets of skills for netball: passing, catching, defending, dodging and footwork. We will quickly begin playing small games so that children have the opportunity to apply their skills in a competitive game.
<b>RE</b>	In RE this half term we will be learning about Islam. We will explore routines that we have in our own lives and learn about rituals that Muslims follow. Additionally, we will learn about the rules of Islam and the values that underpin these rules.
<b>PSHCE</b>	This term we will continue to address 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. The thought of the week will be shared on Seesaw.



## Year Three's Topics

<b>English</b>	In English this half term, we will be exploring information texts all around The Anglo-Saxons. After this, we will be learning to write instructions linking with the detailed homework the children have created over the last half term. We will continue to use all of the Year 3 features that we have learnt and will strive to use them all correctly in all our work across the curriculum. In reading, we will continue to practice our comprehension skills alongside encouraging each other to read for pleasure.
<b>Maths</b>	During the first part of this term, the children will finish their work on time. The children will then move onto a short topic of using graphs and data before tackling fractions.
<b>Topic</b>	The Anglo-Saxons and Vikings! This term we will be exploring this period of time. The children will start by learning all about the Anglo-Saxons. They will look at the different settlements and customs before creating their own settlement. This half term will have a deep Historical and Geographical link, whilst giving the children the opportunity to show off all the different styles of writing that they have learnt throughout this year.
<b>Science</b>	This term, Year Three will be focusing on the topic of Forces. Working scientifically, the children will observe how we can change the speed an object travels by adjusting the surface it travels on. Later in the term, we will research Isaac Newton before creating an information text.
<b>ART</b>	In art, the children will be completing an artist study. The children will have the opportunity to learn about 5 different artists and create work based on their style. The children will finish the half term by choosing their own artist and creating a study on them.
<b>RE</b>	This half term we will be thinking about the religion Hinduism. Children will be able to appreciate that people have different beliefs and will explore these beliefs. The children will use their English knowledge to write descriptions and stories within RE.
<b>COMPUTING</b>	Using our playwriting scripts that the children developed last half term, the children will be creating video blogs all about Beechwood Primary School. After writing their script, the children will use green screen to record their blog and post it to Seesaw.
<b>PSHCE</b>	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.
<b>PE</b>	The children will focus mainly on their swimming this term. Alongside swimming, the children will take part in cricket with the class teacher and will have a chance to shine cricket coach visiting to teach their lessons over the weeks.



## Year 4

<b>English</b>	In English this term, Year Four will be looking at Performance Poetry. The children will explore ways of communicating with their audience: through gesture, tone and volume. They will also build confidence at speaking in front of larger groups of people (just in times for their class assembly).
<b>Maths</b>	During Maths lessons, Year Four will be learning about Mass, Volume and Length. Their knowledge of decimals will help when measuring and converting units. Later in the term, we will explore measuring the area of objects.
<b>Science</b>	With Mrs Kidd, the children will be focusing on the topic of Living Things and Their Habitats. Working scientifically, they will learn about the seven characteristics of living organisms.
<b>Computing</b>	Using our playwriting scripts that the children developed last half term, the children will be creating video blogs all about Beechwood Primary School. After writing their script, the children will use green screen to record their blog and post it to Seesaw.
<b>Music</b>	We will continue to work with Ms. Richmond to learn how to play our brass instruments. The children will focus on reading music as well as becoming more accurate at playing notes.
<b>RE</b>	This half term we will be thinking about the religion Hinduism. Children will be able to appreciate that people have different beliefs and will explore these beliefs. The children will use their English knowledge to write descriptions and stories within RE.
<b>PE</b>	In PE, Year 4 are extremely fortunate in having the opportunity to go ice-skating. This amazing experience will build stability, gross motor skills and confidence as well as opening their horizons to new competitive sports. Once the children are comfortable on the ice, they will be able to choose between learning to figure skating or playing ice-hockey.  As well as this, the children will receive tuition in cricket on Friday afternoons.
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<b>PSHCE</b>	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 Five's Topics

<b>English</b>	This term, Year Five will be looking at Play scripts. The children will explore the features of a Play script and write their own which they will perform in front of the class. After the half term break, the class will be exploring older literature i.e. Alice in Wonderland and The Wind in the Willows. We will be consolidating all our knowledge to show off the different styles of writing we have learnt throughout the year.
<b>Maths</b>	During Maths lessons, Year five will be studying geometry. This will consist of learning about different angles and how to draw and measure them accurately using a protractor. Later on in the term, the children will be exploring the position and movement of shapes.
<b>Topic</b>	The children in year five will be learning about Anglo-Saxons and The Vikings. Over the coming weeks, the children will learn about where they came from and will look at different settlements before designing and creating their own during Forest School. This topic will have a geographical and historical focus, which will be linked to understanding the history of our local area.
<b>Science</b>	This term, Year Five will be studying Properties and Changes of Materials with Miss Atherton. Working scientifically, the children will explore how to filter mixtures using a variety of materials and methods. Later in the term, they will use their new knowledge to create their own fair tests.
<b>PE</b>	<p>In PE, Year Five are fortunate in receiving tuition from specialist gymnastic coaches. This tuition will provide the children with the opportunity to develop their balance and strength. Using a variety of strategies, the children will be practising jumping and landing appropriately as well as balancing techniques. The children will be using mats and equipment to perfect these skills.</p> <p>The children will also have Forest School this term and receive Cricket tuition later on in the term.</p>
<b>RE</b>	This term our RE theme is Hinduism. The children will be able to understand that people have different beliefs and will explore the beliefs and festivals that are celebrated by Hindu's. The children will use their English knowledge to write a description and stories within RE.
<b>MFL</b>	This half term the children will be continuing to practise the days of the week and months of the year. We will also be looking at food and being able to give our own opinions on different foods.
<b>PSHCE</b>	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.
<b>Music</b>	The children are continuing to practise their clarinet skills. They are looking at different notes to be able to compose their own two bar rhythms. Please remind your child to bring their instrument home to practise but also have it back in school ready for their lesson on a Thursday.



## Year Six's Topics

<b>English</b>	This half term, we are focusing on polishing our reading skills in preparation for our SATs tests. In writing, we will be looking at Biographies.
<b>Maths</b>	After a quick unit on negative numbers, we will be moving onto algebra and data handling. Alongside our Singapore lessons, we are also carrying out revision sessions to ensure the skills we need are ready for our SATs.
<b>Topic</b>	<u><b>Ancient Egypt</b></u> With last half term being so busy (residential, trips and Bikeability) we haven't explored all that Egypt has to offer. We will continue this topic as we explore the discovery of Tutenkhamun's tomb, the different Gods they worshipped and how the Nile was vital to their survival.
<b>Science</b>	<u><b>Evolution and Inheritance</b></u> Again, we will be continuing the topic of Evolution. We will begin by researching Charles Darwin and how we came up with his Theory of Evolution. We will look at how we have evolved from our primitive ancestors and suggest how we think we will evolve in the future!
<b>PE</b>	<u><b>Gymnastics and Ice Skating</b></u> This half term will be an exciting one! Not only are we going to be building our flexibility and core strength in Gymnastics, we will also be having ice skating lessons! The children can choose between figure skating and ice hockey.
<b>RE</b>	<u><b>What Should Our Attitude Be Like on Our Journey?</b></u> This half term we will be continuing the topic of how attitude is key! How our perspective on life can change based on the attitudes we have towards life. We will shift our focus to Islam and look at how a Muslim's journey is in comparison to our Christian one.
<b>MFL</b>	<u><b>C'est quand votre anniversaire?</b></u> This half term, we will be using our knowledge of numbers, as well as learning the months of the year, to tell each other when our birthday is.
<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.