



Beechwood Primary School

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Curriculum Update Issue 67- Autumn Term 2016

Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a lovely half term!

Good Luck!

Last term, we wished Miss Cliffe 'good luck' as she started her maternity leave. We would like to welcome Mrs Horan to our school as the new Reception teacher and Rhys Daly to our Class 5.

Dates for your diary

4th Nov- Non-Uniform KS1-Chocolate KS2-bottle

16th Nov- Operation Christmas Child box to be in school

18th Nov- Children in Need- children to wear red/yellow or Pudsey attire- £1

12th Dec- 9:30am KS1 Christmas Play
2:15pm and 6pm KS2 Christmas Singing

13th Dec- 2:15pm KS1 Christmas Play

14th Dec- Christmas Lunch

15th Dec- Snowman Drive am KS1
Christmas Party pm

16th December- finish for
Christmas Holidays

KS2 Cinema Trip tbc

PTA

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

Parent Workshops

This half term we will be offering parent workshops for Singapore Maths and Magical Spelling. The first will be a Singapore Maths Workshop on 28th November at 5:30pm. Magical Spelling date to follow.

School Website

The children all have their own log in to access their class page. This has information specific to their class; maybe even discussions! Their log in details are:

User name: firstname.secondname

Password: date of birth in dd/mm/yyyy format

Maths Monsters

As you already aware, we are changing the Maths Monster Checks. These will be available on the school's website soon for you to test your child at home.

Reception

Autumn term 2nd half

Literacy	This half term our topic is all about the 'stick man' by Julia Donaldson. We will be looking at rhyme and sequencing the story. 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	<p>This half term we will continue to focus on working with numbers. Children will become familiar with recognising and naming their numbers to 20 through a range of activities, including ordering numbers, matching numbers to the correct quantities and answering number problems.</p> <p>Children will also learn about shapes, developing their understanding of common 2D shapes, size order and positional language,</p>
Knowledge and understanding of the world	This half term we will be looking at different environments and exploring the natural woodland. We will also be carrying out floating and sinking experiments linking to the 'Stick man' book.
RE	This half term we will continue to look at Christianity 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 continue to develop and experiment with a range of different ways of moving such as running, jumping, rolling, crawling, skipping, sliding and hopping. They will learn to be able to move with awareness of what surrounds them.
PSHCE	<p>We will be looking at the topic of 'Getting on and falling out'.</p> <p>This theme focuses on developing children's knowledge, understanding and skills in three key social and emotional aspects of learning: empathy, managing feelings and social skills.</p>
Expressive arts	There will be lots of creative opportunities this half term as children will be colour mixing, making stick men with hair and clothes, acting out the story, and helping to create our woodland home 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 Two's Topics

English	<p>How the Grinch stole Christmas</p> <p>In English we will start to read how the Grinch stole Christmas written by Dr. Seuss. It is a story about the grumpy Grinch who tries to steal Christmas from the citizens of Who-ville but he soon realises there is more to it than mistletoe and tinsel! Over this term we will learn how to write character descriptions of both the Grinch and Cindy Lou, a little girl who changes the Grinch. The children will also have the opportunity to write a story about why the Grinch is the way he is. The children will continue to have handwriting practice and magical spellings.</p>
Maths	<p>We will continue to follow the Singapore approach to maths. We will focus on multiplication, which is the same as repeated addition, primarily looking at the 2x, 5, and 10x tables. The children will also look at different ways of sharing, including sharing and grouping before going into division by 2, 5 and 10. We then will look at gaining 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.</p>
Topic	<p>This term we will fully embrace the Christmas spirit. We will start by looking at how Christmas is celebrated around the world creating a fact file on different countries and exploring the different traditions. The children will start to understand where different countries are in the world and be able to locate continents in an atlas.</p>
Art/DT	<p>This term the children will have the opportunity to design their very own gingerbread Christmas cookie. The children will first design it thinking about the age of person it is for. They will then make it and evaluate their creation. They children will then move onto making a Christmas cupcake, thinking carefully on their design and if they want it to be 2D or 3D.</p>
Science	<p>In science we will explore the useful properties of materials with a range of investigations involving absorbency and flexibility. Discover which type of kitchen towel or cloth is most effective at mopping up spills; consider why building materials must be absorbent and which ones fit the bill; create artwork by exploring the textures of materials and learn all about wax and how to re-mould it.</p>
Music	<p>This Term Year 2 will learn how to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others. They will review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians. They</p>
PE	<p>This term the children will continue to have the opportunity to learn from gymnastic coaches. They will learn how to develop balance, flexibility, strength, technique and control. They will compare their performances with previous ones and demonstrate improvement to achieve their personal best.</p>
RE	<p>In RE our topic is Christianity, we will investigate how and why is celebrating and remembering important in religion and worship. What do people think is important to do daily, [weekly, monthly]? [Why] are these important? Why do some people have religious rituals?</p>
PSHCE	<p>In PSHCE our topic is going to be getting on and falling out. We will focus on developing children's knowledge, understanding and skills in three key social and emotional aspects of learning: empathy, managing feelings (with a focus on anger) and social skills.</p>

Year 1's Topics

English	In English this half term we will exploring Traditional Tales. We will begin by learning how to retell a story through role play before moving on to writing. The children will explore different genres of writing this half term including: Story writing, Persuasive letter writing and writing instructions. Our SPaG focus will remain on the correct use of capital letters and full stops and the use of 'and' to join sentences together.
Maths	During Maths this half term the children will be exploring lots of new concepts. They will begin the term by learning about positions in queues and will name left and right positions. We will then focus on learning all about numbers to 20 and this will include reading and writing numbers from 11-20, comparing and ordering numbers within 20 and exploring number patterns. After lots of exploration the children will then move on to learning different methods to add and subtract within 20.
Science	<u>Christmas</u> Our topic this half term is Christmas themed and will focus on Science. The children will learn about Everyday Materials - exploring materials and their properties. <u>Sshh!</u> During this topic the children will look at why materials are chosen to make certain items and they will use this knowledge to help Mrs Claus with her secret mission - keeping Santa warm and dry this Christmas!
Computing	This half term the children will continue to look at using a paint package. The children will use a simple painting program to paint with different colours and brushes, create shapes, fill areas, undo and redo and add text.
Art/DT	In DT this half term the children will be looking at preparing fruit and vegetables. They will learn how to safely use different equipment to prepare fruit and vegetables and will make Fruit Smoothies for the Elves and Santa - helping Mrs Claus keep Santa fit and healthy for Christmas Eve.
RE	This half term we will be thinking about Christianity and Jesus. The children will look into the following question: How and why are some stories about Jesus special/sacred and important in religion?
PE	The children will continue with their Gymnastic lessons this half term and will focus on applying different gymnastic shapes to both large and small equipment.
PSHCE	In PSHCE this half term the children will be thinking about all of the qualities that make a good friend. They will explore the relationship between Mike and Sully (Monsters Inc) and will think about what they look for in a friend.

Year 3's Curriculum

English	This term we will continue to work our way through some of Roald Dahl's famous books; using these as inspiration for our writing. We will be continuing to develop our skills as writers by increasing the variety of fronted adverbials we use, as well as making sure our writing is engaging with accurate sentence punctuation. We will be developing our skills of understanding hidden meanings in stories and summarising paragraphs in a non-fiction text. We will all be using the Magical Spelling method to improve our spelling skills.
Maths	Now we are becoming Singapore Maths Experts, we are venturing into written Subtraction Methods. After that, we will be looking at Multiplication and Division.
Science	<u>Magnets</u> This term we will start by learning about forces and then develop into looking at Magnets and the different materials they attract to.
Topic	<u>London:</u> In this term's topic, we will be looking at the how London became our capital, some of the many disasters the capital has encountered such as the Plague. We will also look at the Geographical features of the capital city; such as the many famous landmarks. Also, we will use the River Thames to teach us about the features of a river.
Computing	This term, we will be using our Bible stories as a stimulus to learn about animations.
RE	<u>Christian Bible</u> We will be continuing our topic on the Christian Bible as well as looking at the importance of Leaders. We will be discussing what makes a good leader and why people chose Jesus as a leader.
Mandarin	<u>你叫什么 (nǐ jiào shén me) - what is your name?</u> This half term we are going to be learning about names in China, learning how to ask and tell someone what your name is. As Christmas approaches, we might even learn a new Christmas carol and, of course, we will relearn 我们祝你圣诞快乐 (Women Zhu Ni Shengdan Kuaile).
PE	<u>Dance</u> This term we will be taking inspiration from Strictly and looking at different dance styles!
PSHCE	To link with Anti Bullying Week (21 st November), we will be discussing what is Bullying and strategies to ask for help.
Music	This term, we will be continuing with our Music Teacher to learn about beats and rhythms.

Year 4's Curriculum

English	Year 4 will be entering the Wonderful World of Alice as we read Lewis Carroll's most famous book. We will learn a bit about the author as we explore each chapter, creating predictions using evidence from the text and writing a whole range of genres such as a balanced argument - Should Alice drink from the bottle? This half term will also allow us the time to investigate different word classes and explore a range of punctuation. We will also continue to use the Magical Spelling method to crack those tricky Y4 words!
Maths	This Half Term is all about Multiplication and Division in Year 4. We will be using Place value and known facts to help us to multiply and divide mentally as well as develop our written methods. We will also be furthering our knowledge and understanding of Factors and using all of this to help us to tackle some tricky problems. Work will be set on My Maths and 'Frog Play' to help with these areas. Please ensure Maths Monsters are practiced at home as this will help in class.
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Year 4's Class 5 Topics

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Topic	London This half term we will continue with the topic of London however we will be looking at the history of London including how the Great Fire of London started and the impact that the plague had on London. The children will begin by looking at foods of London and will complete some baking as part of the DT aspect. The children will also be designing their own tea party with the Queen thinking about the foods on offer.
Computing	Using Data The children will begin this half term by using the data they collect about favourite foods from London to create their own charts. The children will then be developing their use of formulas on excel spreadsheets and finding values, based on creating an imaginary trip around London
RE	What do God's stories teach us? In this unit the children learn about the bible stories and will begin to create their own stories too. The children will look at morals and how these are represented through story. This topic allows the children discussion time to reflect on their opinions about the bible and the different stories told.
PE	Invasion Games This half term the children will be looking at a range of invasion games, looking at defending and attacking. The children will be experiencing dodgeball, rugby and football. Looking at the skills used and how to apply these to the range of invasion games.
PSHCE	Healthy Lifestyles This half term the children will be looking at healthy lifestyles alongside their PE lessons. The children will be discussing the different food types and what each of their roles is on the body. They will also be looking at how exercise impacts the body.
Music	Brass The children will soon be bringing home their new brass instruments, which over this half term they will be continuing to practice. The children have already learnt a note and will be beginning to transfer these skills to playing their own brass instruments during this half term.
Mandarin	<u>你住在哪里 (nǐ zhù zài nǎ er?) - Where do you live?</u> We are going to learn how to say the names of different countries in Mandarin this half term. We will learn to ask somebody where they live and how to respond. As Christmas approaches, we might even learn a new Christmas carol and, of course, we will relearn 我们祝你圣诞快乐 (Women Zhu Ni Shengdan Kuaile).

Year Five's Topics

Literacy	This half term year 5 will be continuing with their book 'The Secret of Platform 13' the children will be looking at alternative worlds which they could find in 'The Gump' and writing their own stories using a range of settings. The children are beginning by looking at a range of different types of writing including diaries. The children are continuing to work on their magical spellings within class and will also have weekly spelling lists to complete on a Friday. We continue to focus on a range of SpAG features including formality of writing.
Maths	Multiplication and Division The main area the children will be working on this half term is multiplication and division strategies both written and mental methods. We are continuing with the long multiplication method of multiplication and will be recapping the bus stop method for division. We will then continue to look at applying these calculation methods to problem solving and word problems.
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Year Six's Topics

English	<p><u>Macbeth</u></p> <p>In English, we will continue to explore the world of Shakespeare through Macbeth. We will begin this half term by writing our own spooky ghost stories at Halloween, incorporating some of the more creepy parts of Macbeth as inspiration. We will then move on to look at newspaper reports and will report on the events that led to Macbeth's death.</p>
Maths	<p><u>Fractions</u></p> <p>In maths, we are moving on to investigate fractions. We will learn how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions and will look at converting fractions to decimals. Keep practising those written calculation methods and multiplication and division facts at home because they will become more important than ever as we tackle challenging fractions problems.</p>
Topic	<p><u>London</u></p> <p>Now that we have learned about the geography of London and its famous landmarks, we are moving on to explore its history, focusing particularly on the Black Death. We will learn about the outbreak of this deadly disease and how it spread across Europe. We will research how its symptoms manifested in the infected and its effects on the population of London. In Art and Design, the children will be exploring how moving books work with the ultimate aim to create a class book related to our End of The Bridge display. Their pages will include moving mechanisms and a range of art techniques to make each page exciting and interesting.</p>
Science	<p><u>Electricity</u></p> <p>In science we are going to learn about electricity. We will learn about how electricity is produced and transported and will investigate different ways to set up a circuit. We will discover the correct symbols and use these to draw an accurate scientific diagram of an electrical circuit.</p>
Music	<p><u>Soundstart (Band)</u></p> <p>Year Six will continue to learn how to play band instruments. Make sure that you continue to practice at home and we will work with our specialist music teachers on a Thursday to learn to play together.</p>
PE	<p><u>Football</u></p> <p>Our focus for PE this half term will be football. We will practise skills and control and will learn more about the different positions in a game of football.</p>
RE	<p><u>Can People Really Change?</u></p> <p>This half term we will continue to look at Christianity, focusing particularly on Jesus during this important time of the Christian calendar. We will discuss the impact that Jesus had on his followers and what we can learn from the way that he lived his life.</p>
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PSHCE	<p><u>Getting On and Falling Out</u></p> <p>In PSHCE we will be focusing on our relationships with others. We will discuss how we can be a good friend to others and what we can do to overcome disagreements and arguments.</p>