



Beechwood Primary School

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Curriculum Update Issue 79- Autumn Term 2 2018



Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a restful break over the half term and are ready for the busiest term of the school year as we lead up to Christmas!

Dates for your diary

29th Oct- School opens for Autumn Term 2

9th Nov- Whole School World War One dress up day

16th Nov- Children in Need- children to dress up in spotty clothing £1 donation

23rd Nov- Non uniform day. KS1 Chocolate, KS2 Bottle

26th Nov- Year 5 Class Assembly 9am. All welcome

30th Nov- PTA Pamper Night!

4th Dec- Year 2 Christmas Journey- details to follow

5th Dec- Halton PlayDay for the Year 6 children

6th Dec- Choir singing at the Shopping City- parent helpers needed

10th Dec- KS1 Play 9am KS2 Singing 2pm and 6pm

11th Dec- KS1 Play 2pm

14th Dec- Singing at the Beechwood Centre then Christmas Bonanza

18th Dec- Snowman Drive

20th Dec- Christmas Dinner- 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!

World War One Centenary

Key Stage 2 (Juniors) have been learning all about WW1. As part of this, and to link in with the centenary, we are asking the children to come to school dressed in World War One appropriate clothing on Friday 9th November

Class Assemblies-all welcome!

Last year we re-introduced Class Assemblies. It was lovely to see the children shine on stage and showing off their achievements. We will continue to have these assemblies this year, on the following dates: Y5 26/11/18, Y1 20/03/19, Y3 27/03/19, Y4 12/06/19, Y Rec 10/07/19

Reception

Autumn term 2nd half

Literacy	This half term we will continue with our class story 'The Little Red Hen'. Now that we know the story we will 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 5, 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 the life cycle of a hen, and finding out about other animals that live on a farm. We will also enjoy baking activities relating to the topic and children will have the opportunity to bake bread and make bird feeders to put in our outdoor area.
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, acting out the story, and helping to create our Bakery 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 One's Topics

English	In English this half term we will learning how to follow and write instructions to make a Lava lamp. We will also learn about stories that contain repeated phrases (Dear Santa). The children will also explore different genres of writing this half term including poetry and letter writing. 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.
Topic	Our topic is split two this half term. We will continue to learn about the events after The Great Fire of London before moving on to explore how Christmas is celebrated around the world. The children will look at how different countries are similar different to our own and will find out about how and when Christmas takes place.
Computing	The children will continue to develop their computer skills this half term. During this unit we will look at how to use a mouse and a trackpad. The children will learn how to log on and off and will begin to save their work. We will continue to develop the children's independent use of the SEESAW APP - look out for more wonky photos!
Music	It's that time of year again!!! This half term the children will be learning the songs for the Infant Nativity.
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? As part of this unit the children will find out about the story of nativity.
PE	PE this half term looks at Throwing and Catching. Throughout this unit your child will learn to control a ball when they are rolling and bouncing, throwing and catching, on their own, with a partner and in a group. The unit progresses the children from simple underarm catching to simple overarm throwing and onto an underarm sling for throwing quoits.
PSHCE	The children will continue to discuss items on Picture News. They will think about British values and will learn about how these impact on our everyday lives.

Year Two's Topics

English	This half term we will be looking at traditional tales and letter writing. We will learn the story of The Three Little Pigs and create our own stories following the same pattern. Additionally, we will work towards creating our own traditional tale, ensuring that we include all of the key features. We will also be writing a letter to Father Christmas, looking carefully at all the features of a letter. In reading we will continue to develop our phonics knowledge as well as learning key spelling rules, applying them in our writing.
Maths	We will be covering three units in Singapore maths and these are: multiplication, division and length. Children will benefit from practising their 2, 5 and 10 times tables at home. We will be encouraging counting in these numbers as it provides a quicker way for the children to solve problems. We will explore the relationship between multiplication and division. Towards the end of half term we will explore length particularly measuring in units of centimetres and metres.
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 will continue to be living things and their habitats. We will look at different habitats and compare the things that the habitat provides. We will also look at food chains, exploring what happens when a food chain is broken. To finish of this unit off we will design and make a bug hotel.
Music	We will be learning some Christmas songs ready for our Christmas Performance. We will also familiarise ourselves with the script and begin to give out roles to the children.
PE	This term our focus is football skills. Over the term we will be working on different skills. This includes: dribbling, passing, shooting, defending and playing five aside games.
RE	Our focus this half term is Christianity. The question we will be exploring is: Why is Jesus special to Christians? The children will learn all about the Nativity story.
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	English this half term, will continue to focus on introducing and using a range of new writing features. The children will begin to use both coordinating and subordinating conjunctions, speech with a reporting clause and adverbs. The children will focus on the writing genres of mystery stories and letters.
Maths	In maths the children will finish their unit on addition and subtraction using the column method and working through a range of word problems. After this, the children will work on the other operations times and divide. It's at this point in the year where it is especially important that children are working on and know their times tables.
Topic	The children will continue their work on World War 1. I'm sure that they are all looking forward to dressing up and celebrating 100 years. The children will learn about key battles, animals and children during the war. The children will be using topic time to show off their writing completing independent task that are related to the genres that we have already covered.
Science	This half term, the children will be focusing on the topic of Rocks during their Science lessons. The children will work scientifically to investigate different types of rocks and how fossils are made.
RE	In religious education, we are looking into how we should live our lives and what light means to us in our life. We will cover the Christian service of Christingle and focus in on how Jesus used light to improve and bring hope to those around him. The children will recognise light as a source that helps guide them.
MFL	In French the children will move on to learning the numbers 1-20. The children use this to develop the conversation that we have developed. The children will be able to ask how old someone is and reply with how old they are.
PE	In PE, the children will continue to participate in dance. The children will also learn hockey and basketball skills.
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
Art/DT	The children will research, experiment and design in the style of Gunner F J Mears. The children will look at his work on WW1 and create their own.

Year 4 Topics

Literacy	This half term we will be looking at Shape poems which will become the focus of a display in the classroom once finished. Following on from this, Year 4 will learn the skills needed to write a newspaper article which will link with our WW1 topic.
Maths	This half term we will be learning about all four mathematical operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will use their knowledge of each operation to solve word problems using a written method and mentally.
RE	In religious education, we are looking into how we should like our lives and what light means to us in our life. We will cover the Christian service of Christingle and focus in on how Jesus used light to improve and bring hope to those around him. The children will recognise light as a source that helps guide them.
PE	In support of our Topic, Year Four will continue to learn dance moves from WW1. The children will focus on improving their flexibility and balance through their performance. Year Four will also begin to study Hockey, focusing on their attacking and defending skills.
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.
Science	During this half term, Year 4 will be learning about the digestive system whilst continuing to work scientifically
Topic	In Topic lessons, the children will continue to learn about WW1. Following from our 100- year celebration event, we will study the Battle of the Somme, discovering how WW1 ended. At the end of the term, Class 5 will put themselves into the shoes of a soldier, writing letters home from the battle field.
MFL	In French the children will move on to learning the numbers 1-20. The children use this to develop the conversation that we have developed. The children will be able to ask how old someone is and reply with how old they are.
Music	The children have all now chosen their instruments and are working on perfecting the skill of making a sound and playing a range of different notes. Over the coming weeks the class will continue to learn how to take care of their instrument in preparation for bringing them home to practise.
ART/DT	The children will research, experiment and design in the style of Gunner F J Mears. The children will look at his work on WW1 and create their own.

Year 5's Curriculum

English	In English this term, Year Five will be creating informal letters. We will be learning about new grammatical features including semicolons and the perfect past tense. At the end of the term, the children's hard work will be available to view at our (The Wonder) walk-through exhibition.
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.
Science	In Science this term, Year Five will be looking at the topic of Forces. Working scientifically, the children will create an experiment to discover which material will create the most effective parachute.
Computing	In computing, the children will continue to improve their skills at recording and editing videos. Working with Miss Slonecki, Year Five will use and combine a variety of software on a range of digital devices. At the end of the term, they will post their videos onto Seesaw to share their progress with their family.
RE	Working with Miss Collins, the children will study Christianity discovering how light is used to guide people. With a focus on Christingles, the class will be encouraged to reflect on what brings them light during times of sadness.
PE	In support of our Topic, Year Five will continue to learn dance moves from WW1. The children will focus on improving their flexibility and balance through their performance. Year Five will also begin to study Hockey, focusing on their attacking and defending skills.
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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 6's Curriculum

English	This term we will be looking at debate writing. We will build on the skills we learnt in Year 5 in order to discuss the topic of conscription during the war. 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.
Maths	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. 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.
Topic	<u>World War One</u> This term we will be continuing our topic on all things World War One. We will be looking at how children were affected by the war, the role women played and building up to our celebrations on 9 th November, where the children and staff will be coming to school dressed up in clothing from the time.
Science	<u>Light</u> This term's 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.
RE	<u>Is there one journey or many?</u> We will be looking at the Hindu diorama of reincarnation and karma.
MFL	<u>Around Town</u> This term we will be taking a stroll around a French town and learning the names of significant places along the way..
PE	As well as our weekly swimming session, 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.
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.
Homework	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.