



Beechwood Primary School

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Curriculum Update Issue - Summer Term 2019

Welcome Back!

It's lovely to see the children back with smiles on their faces and tales of wonderful, fun-filled holidays!

Dates for your diary

18th April- School closes for the Easter Bank holiday weekend

23rd April- School reopens

26th April- Own Clothes- chocolate donation

3rd May- Own Clothes- bottle donation

6th May- School closed for May Day Bank Holiday

11th May- School Summer Fayre

WB 13th May- SATs week

20th-22nd May- Year 4 Residential

Friday 24th May- School closes for half term break

Summer Fayre

On Saturday 11th May, we will be holding our Summer Fayre. Last year's event was a roaring success and we are hoping for the same this year. Thank you to those parents who have already signed up to help run the stalls on the day; if you think you can help, we still have slots available! As part of the preparations, we have two Own Clothes Days (dates above) where we are asking for chocolate donations (for the Chocolate Tombola) and a bottle donation (for the Bottle Hoopla).

Thank you for your generosity- without it, the Summer Fayre wouldn't raise as much as it does towards further enriching the curriculum for the children.

Summer Term

As we are approaching the Summer months, which (hopefully) bring the warmer weather with them, please can we remind families to make sure that the children bring a sun hat-labelled with their name- into school with them every day to ensure that they are protected during times outside. Also, please ensure that sunscreen is worn daily and that roll on sunscreen is brought into school during the hotter days to allow the children to top themselves up at lunchtime.

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 13th 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!

Reception

English	This half term we will continue with talk for writing and begin looking at the story of "The Gingerbread man". We will become familiar with the characters and the plot of the story and become confident retelling the story using actions. We will also look at writing instructions to make gingerbread men and create wanted posters, describing the gingerbread man.
Maths	This half term we will continue to focus on a number a week starting with the number 17. Once we have reached number 20, we will recap on what the children have learnt so far and encourage them to apply this to help them solve problems and answer simple calculations. There will also be a big focus on shape, space and measure this half term and become more familiar with capacity, measuring using different units, money, naming and recognising 2D and 3D shapes and creating repeating patterns.
Understanding the world	Our topic this half term is all about plants and growth, we will find out about what plants need to grow and become familiar with naming the different parts of a plant and their function. We will also work together to develop the planter in our outdoor area and children will be responsible for planting new seeds and bulbs and looking after them to help them grow.
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. We will look at types of clothing and how it can make us special.
PE	This half term we will continue to have a specialist drama teacher deliver our Drama sessions. This will happen during our P.E time, however we do get the physical element through our forest school time and free flow access to our outside area.
PSHCE	We will be looking at the topic of "Being a good friend", children will be asked to think about how they can be a good friend to others. We will also 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, we will be baking gingerbread men, creating and designing our own gingerbread people, making boats for the gingerbread man and testing them in the water tray to see if they float. We will also be looking at artists who have based their work on plants and flowers and children will be working with different medias to recreate these.

Year One's Topics

English	Year One are looking at stories with familiar settings this half term. We will be using the story 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' as our main text. As part of this unit the children will be writing instructions, invites and will plan and write their own version of the story.
Maths	This half term Year One will continue to cover a range of maths skills. We will begin by looking at numbers to 40 before moving on to 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	Famous for more than 5 minutes. During this topic we will learn about the explorers Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. The children will learn about the history of exploration and will learn new geographical skills such as compass reading and mapping skills.
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 an environmental musical called 'Eddie the Penguin Saves the World'.
PE	During PE lessons, Year One will be focusing on mastering basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching. Through a range of activities 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

English	This half term, our topic will be 'Dragons'. We will look at re-capping all of the writing skills and genres that we have covered this year. We will be writing for a range of purposes including: story, character description, instructions, non-fiction text and recounts.
Maths	During this half term we will finish out unit on 3D shapes. We will look at the names of 3D shapes and how to describe their properties. We will also move onto two-step word problems and strategies on how to solve them. Our final unit for this half term will be on money. We will look at the value each coin holds and working out problems using money. Additionally, we will practise arithmetic questions daily.
Topic	Our focus this half term is 'famous for more than five minutes'. We will explore a range of explorers and find out information in different ways. Neil Armstrong, Christopher Columbus are amongst the explorers that we will cover.
Science	During this half term we will re-visit animals including humans. We will explore food-chains and how animals depend on each other. We will encourage scientific questioning and how to source the answers.
Music	During this half term we will be learning the songs for this year's Science Festival. We will also continue to follow the Charanga scheme of work.
PE	<u>Netball</u> This half term we will be focusing on developing our netball skills. We will look at: footwork, marking, defending, shooting and different types of passes.
RE	Christianity- churches. This half term we will explore the place of worship for Christians. We will look at naming key parts of the church and explore the building itself.
Computing	We will be looking at coding this half term. We will use a program called turtle to begin coding. We will learn how to use shortcuts to perform commands.
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.

Year Three's Topics

English	This half term, we will be practicing all of the reading skills that we have developed and learnt over the year. In writing, we will be looking at non-chronological reports and then performance poetry.
Maths	After finishing our time unit, we will be looking at fractions. We will also be doing some quick lessons on graphs.
Topic	<u>Geography</u> This term we will be focussing our learning around geographical skills. We will learn about the technical names for parts of the globe in order to identify where tropic islands are. The children will look closely at the tropic island of Madagascar and compare it to Britain.
Science	The children will begin their topic on plants.
Music	Year Three will continue working through the Chranga music. The children will continue to develop their singing and use of instruments.
PE	On Wednesdays, the children will be walking to swimming to practice all of the different swimming strokes. On a Friday, the children will take part in rugby training, hosted by Widnes Vikings.
RE	This term, we will explore the religion Islam. The children will aim to answer the question 'What is expected of a person following a religion or belief'. The children will investigate further how we should live our lives.
MFL	We will continue to build our French vocabulary and improve our vocabulary. The children will work on colour and describing themselves as we did not finish this last half term.
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.

Year Four's Topics

English	The children will be beginning by looking at newspaper reports linked to the topic of deforestation and in particular the Iceland advert about orangutans. We will then be working alongside our drama teacher to complete a topic on play scripts which we will look forward to showing some of you during the class assembly. Our final section of writing will focus on further developing our story writing skills. Make sure you are continuing to read regularly at home in order to support your learning further.
Maths	This half term year four will be beginning with a focus on decimals looking at comparing and rounding decimals. After this, we will be working on money where there will be a big focus on solving problems including money. We are hoping to start our topic looking at volume, mass and mass which will continue into the next half term. Please ensure you are regularly practising times tables with your children in order to help them with speed during maths lessons.
Topic	In topic this term we will begin our new theme: Tropical lands and Volcanoes. The children will have the opportunity to compare their own landscapes with that of Madagascar; comparing the animals, physical features, transport and food.
Science	<u>Electricity</u> This half term year 4 are looking at electricity. The children are looking at making simple circuits and are working on developing their understanding of presenting experiments and their results.
Music	This half term the children will be revisiting the songs they have already played on their instruments and will continue to learn new notes. 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.
PE	In PE this term the children will be building on their flexibility, strength, control and balance during ice-skating lessons. When they have re-established their confidence on the ice, children will be given the option to learn about figure skating or ice hockey.
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MFL	In French, we will continue to build on the children's confidence in spoken and written language.
PSHCE	Each week the children will participate in a range of PSHCE lessons linked to the British values.

Year Five

English	In English this half term, Year 5 will learn about film narratives. Using their inference skills, the pupils will decode a selection of short videos focusing on how music, light and camera angles create emotions. When the children are confident with how to create these effects, they will have a go at creating their own music to accompany a short film.
Maths	During Maths lessons, Year 5 will be focusing on Geometry. To begin the term, we will revise the names of angles before using a protractor to measure and compare angles in given shapes.
Science	Working scientifically, Year 5 will continue to explore properties of materials. The children will learn: how to categorise materials, using scientific vocabulary; the difference between reversible and irreversible changes and how to test a material's properties using scientific methods.
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French	In French, we will continue to build on the children's confidence in spoken and written language.

Year Six's Topics

English	This half term, we are focusing on polishing our reading skills in preparation for our SATs tests. In writing, we will be finishing Biographies.
Maths	After a quick unit on geometry, 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.
Topic	<u>Geography</u> This term we will be focussing our learning around geographical skills. We will learn about the technical names for parts of the globe and look at ordnance survey maps to help develop our map reading skills.
Science	<u>Evolution and Inheritance</u> Once we finish our work on Charles Darwin and his theories of Evolution, we move onto looking at Animals and their adaptations.
Music	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.
PE	On Mondays we will be having a coach from Widnes Rugby Club to work with the children on their Rugby skills. On Tuesdays, we will be starting our exciting 10 week block of Ice Skating lessons! The children will need to bring warm clothing with them to change into for the lessons.
RE	What do we mean by a 'good' life? This term we will explore the concept of a good life through considering what Buddhism teaches makes someone truly happy. We will have the opportunity to experience meditation and to reflect on their own life and happiness as they prepare for the change of leaving primary school.
MFL	We will continue to build our French vocabulary and improve our vocabulary in order for us to converse confidently. We will also be looking at famous French people.
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.