



Beechwood Primary School

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Curriculum Update Issue 86 - Spring Term 2020

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Happy New Year!

We hope you have all had a magical Christmas with your friends and families. Welcome to a new decade! We are excited about this next term as there are lots of fun and challenging things planned!

Dates for your diary

6th Jan- School opens ☺

7th Jan- Whole School Panto- PTA funded

13th Jan- Picasso Class Learning Journey

13th Jan- Year 6 Parents' Evening

14th Jan- Rosen and Attenborough Learning Journey

16th Jan- Hawking Learning Journey

17th Jan- Malala and Mandela Learning Journey

24th PTA meeting 3:30pm- all welcome

29th Jan- 5:00pm Attenborough and Mandela SATs meeting

31st Jan- PTA Sleepover; details to follow

5th Feb- Attenborough Class Assembly

14th Feb- School closes for half term

PTA

This half term the children will be benefitting from Drama lessons funded by the wonderful work our PTA does- thank

Forest Schools

This half term we rest the Dell to allow the area to recover and regrow; therefore no class will have Forest Schools.

Parent Meetings

A few meetings have been scheduled for parents of Years 1, 2 and 6. All meetings are on Tuesday 29th January, taking place in the relevant classroom.

Year 1 parents and carers, there has been a Residential Meeting scheduled to give you the information required ready for the upcoming trip. This meeting is at 4:30pm.

Year 2 and Year 6 parents have SATs meetings both at 5pm. This will provide you with the information you need in preparation for your child taking the End of Key Stage tests.

PTA

We would like to say a huge thank you to our PTA and all who contribute. This term, the children will be enjoying a visit from a touring pantomime which is fully funded by our PTA.

Parent Helpers

We would also like to say a huge thank you to all those parents or grandparents who have helped with lifts to the many events or competitions we have attended. Without your support, we could not go!

Think for yourself, care for others

Picasso Class' Curriculum

Literacy	This half term our topic is all about animals, we will be reading 'Dear Zoo', creating our own versions of the story and writing about the story characters. We will write lists of animals and use adjectives to describe them. We will also begin to look at writing in sentences and the key features of a sentence we need to include in our work.
Maths	This half term we will be recapping on numbers to 9 and then starting with number 10. 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.
Knowledge and understanding of the world	Our topic this half term is all about animals, we will look at different areas of a zoo and the areas in which animals live in the zoo. Discussing why some areas have water, some are kept warm and some are kept cool. We will research where some zoo animals live in the wild. We will compare some contrasting places such as Arctic regions, rainforests and safari areas and the animals that live there. We will also think about the different foods animals eat.
RE	This half term we will be looking at Jesus and thinking about the question- 'How do we show that we belong?' We will also look at the Chinese New Year celebrations.
PE	This half term we have a drama teacher working with us during our P.E slot in the hall. She will be working with us to produce a play based on teddy bears. Our Physical sessions will also be carried out in our outdoor area during the week.
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	There will be lots of creative opportunities this half term as children will be engaging in a range of activities, making zoo animal collages, re-creating animal patterns using various printing materials, mixing colours and shades to paint animals, designing our own zoo using large and small construction equipment, making zoo animal sounds using percussion instruments. They will also have the opportunity to work together to help create our Chinese restaurant role play area.

Rosen Class' Curriculum

English	This half term we will change the story of Goldilocks and make it our own. We will then use the very exciting story 'Hermelin' written by Mini Grey. We will use this text to write for a variety of purposes including: letters, notes, reports, descriptions and finish by writing our own adventure story.
Maths	This term, we will be focusing on using numbers 1-20. We will explore comparing different amounts of objects. Additionally, we will look at grouping objects to 10 and counting on from that number. We will then move on to add and subtract using numbers to 20.
Topic	<p><u>Our local area</u></p> <p>We will look at our local area. We will explore aerial maps, drawing a local park and comparing this with another country. We will explore human and physical geography. key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather. key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop</p>
Science	<p><u>Materials</u></p> <p>We will be exploring materials this half term. We will distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. We will identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock. We will describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.</p>
RE	<p><u>Islam</u></p> <p>This half term we will be learning about Islam. The children will read stories such as 'The Tiny Ants' by Gill Vaisey, which show how the Prophet Muhammad respected living things. We will then link this to how we show respect for the world.</p>
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.
PE	<p><u>Throwing and catching</u></p> <p>This half term, our PE moves to a Thursday as we spend the afternoon looking at the skills necessary for throwing and catching. We will look at specific skills each week. Focusing having good control over the ball. During each lesson we will increase the skill difficulty to challenge ourselves. These skills will help us to develop strong skills for different types of games.</p>

Attenborough Class' Curriculum

English	This term we will spend time finishing our own versions of the traditional tale The Tree Little Pigs. We will then move onto our non-fiction unit working on explaining texts. A big focus this term will be on the children's handwriting and spellings. In reading, we will continue to work on how to find information in the text and answer comprehension questions.
Maths	This term, we are finishing our work on length before moving onto mass and graphs. The children will continue to work on their addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This term, the children will work on applying their skills to a range of word problems.
Topic	<u>A Local Area Study</u> This term, we venture on an exciting journey learning about Runcorn and the United Kingdom. The children will be closely looking at parks and will then compare a Runcorn park to a park in Australia. The children will explore this further through weekly drama sessions.
Science	<u>Materials</u> The children will build upon the work completed in Year 1. The children will be looking at the properties of each material and if they are suitable to be used for specific tasks.
RE	This term we will be focus on being grateful for the things we have and for people in our lives. We will then look further into the religion Hinduism and how people show devotion within their religion.
Computing	This half term, the children will continue to look at coding where they will be making their own characters using the programme Scratch Junior. They will learn how to use precise instructions to shape, resize and move their character.
PE	<u>Dance</u> This half term, our PE moves to a Tuesday as we will be joined by a dance teacher to deliver weekly dance lessons.
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.

Pankhurst Class' Curriculum

English	This term we will continue to work on our persuasive letter writing skills and once complete we will move on to developing our skills of story writing. We will use stories with a familiar setting to develop the children's vocabulary and use of the writing features of year 3.
Maths	This term, we are focusing on looking at different ways in which we can use our further multiplication/division skills. The children will be learning a range of new methods to help them. We will then move on to looking at different types of unit of measure. The children will decide the best units to measure a variety of things.
Topic	<u>What did the Romans ever do for me?</u> This term, we venture on an exciting journey into the Romans- we will look at how the Roman Empire spread, investigate how the relatively small Roman Army defeated a much larger Iceni army and well as looking into the ruins left there today from Pompeii and Herculaneum. In Geography, we venture into the idea of tourism; investigating the costs of visiting Rome and the attractions there.
Science	Once we finish our work on light, we will be looking into the topic of forces and magnets. The children will learn about different types of materials that are magnetic and will investigate how magnets work. The children will learn about different types of forces such as pushes and pulls before thinking about the effect these would have on magnetism.
RE	This half term the children will be learning about Hinduism. They will learn about the god of Hinduism and will look closely at the story of Rama and Sita. The children will also be discussing their own beliefs and values and whether they think that there are links between the truths and the values in the story.
MFL	This half term the children will be working on saying their age, birthday and numbers in French. They will be looking at how this is written as well as how this is spoken
PE	This half term, the children will be participating in dance lessons on Tuesday afternoon and will also be having a PE lesson on a Wednesday afternoon. We will spend the afternoon looking at the skills necessary of the invasion game of netball. We will be building our ball control and focusing on ensuring our footwork does not lose our team the possession of the ball.
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.

Hawking Class' Curriculum

English	This half term we will be focusing upon writing persuasive letters and newspaper articles. In reading we will continue to focus upon inference, retrieval of information and identification of character thoughts and feelings through the skill of 'show not tell'
Maths	This half term we will focus on multiplication and division, specifically focusing upon 2-digit and 3-digit numbers. We will also heavily focus upon times tables, supporting children to consolidate their knowledge and gain confidence with mental maths.
Topic	<p><u>What did the Romans ever do for me?</u></p> <p>This term, we venture on an exciting journey into the Romans- we will look at how the Roman Empire spread, investigate how the relatively small Romans Army defeated a much larger Iceni army and well as looking into the ruins left there today from Pompeii and Herculaneum. In Geography, we venture into the idea of tourism; investigating the costs of visiting Rome and the attractions there.</p>
Science	This year Science will be taught by Mrs Kidd and Mrs Woodcock. We will continue with the topic of electricity and then progress onto looking at a variety of states of matter (solids, liquids, and gasses).
MFL	<p><u>Vocabulary Building</u></p> <p>This term, we will return to our work on French, but turn our focus to reading and writing the language.</p>
PE	This term Year 4 will continue with their weekly swimming lessons focusing upon skill development and improvement of pupil confidence within the water.
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.

Malala Class' Curriculum

English	This term we are learning how to write in a persuasive style. We will be writing persuasive letters and developing our writing skills. We will then move on to looking at stories from other cultures. In reading, we will continue our work on inferring character's feelings and finding information in a text.
Maths	This term, we are finishing our work on multiplication and division before moving on to word problems where we will use the skills we have learnt to solve a variety of word problems. Year 5 will then focus on graphs.
Topic	<u>What did the Romans ever do for me?</u> This term, we venture on an exciting journey into the Romans- we will look at how the Roman Empire spread, investigate how the relatively small Roman Army defeated a much larger Iceni army and well as looking into the ruins left there today from Pompeii and Herculaneum. In Geography, we venture into the idea of tourism; investigating the costs of visiting Rome and the attractions there.
Science	<u>Forces and Materials and their properties</u> Once we finish our work on forces, we will be working scientifically to look at materials and their properties.
RE	This half term the children will be learning about Hinduism. They will learn about the god of Hinduism and will look closely at the story of Rama and Sita. The children will also be discussing their own beliefs and values and whether they think that there are links between the truths and the values in the story.
MFL	<u>Vocabulary Building</u> This term, we will return to our work on French, but turn our focus to reading and writing the language.
PE	<u>Netball</u> This half term, the focus will be on Netball and building the skills necessary to play this invasion game. We will be building our ball control and focusing on ensuring our footwork does not lose our team the possession of the ball.
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.

Mandela Class' Curriculum

English	This term we spend time focusing on how to write a in a persuasive style which doesn't read like a cheesy radio advert! This is not an easy skill and so will take us some time! We hope to then move on to biographies- time dependant. In reading, we will continue our work on inferring character's feelings and explaining their character traits.
Maths	This term, we are finishing our work on Fractions before we move onto Decimals. In our Fractions unit, we are focussing on how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions; whilst applying our understanding of simplifying improper fractions on the way.
Topic	<p><u>What did the Romans ever do for me?</u></p> <p>This term, we venture on an exciting journey into the Romans- we will look at how the Roman Empire spread, investigate how the relatively small Romans Army defeated a much larger Iceni army and well as looking into the ruins left there today from Pompeii and Herculaneum. In Geography, we venture into the idea of tourism; investigating the costs of visiting Rome and the attractions there.</p>
Science	<p><u>Light and The Human Body</u></p> <p>Once we finish our work on light, we will be looking into he Human body. We will focus on the systems within in and how drugs, alcohol and exercise affect these.</p>
RE	This term we will be looking at the idea of 'duty' and deciding if we would submit the things we want to do over the duty we have to our family or religion. We look at the 5 Pillars of Islam and how Muslim people submit to these.
MFL	<p><u>Vocabulary Building</u></p> <p>This term, we will return to our work on French, but turn our focus to reading and writing the language.</p>
PE	<p><u>Netball</u></p> <p>This half term, our PE moves to a Tuesday as we spend the afternoon looking at the skills necessary of this invasion game. We will be building our ball control and focusing on ensuring our footwork does not lose our team the possession of the ball.</p>
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.