



Beechwood Primary School

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Curriculum Update Issue 78- Autumn Term 2018

Welcome Back!

It is lovely to see the children return to school safely after the Summer holidays. They all look smart and keen to learn in their new uniforms! They have definitely shot up over the Summer! We would like to say a huge welcome to the new families and children who are joining us in the Reception class. We all look forward to getting to know the children and watching them grow.

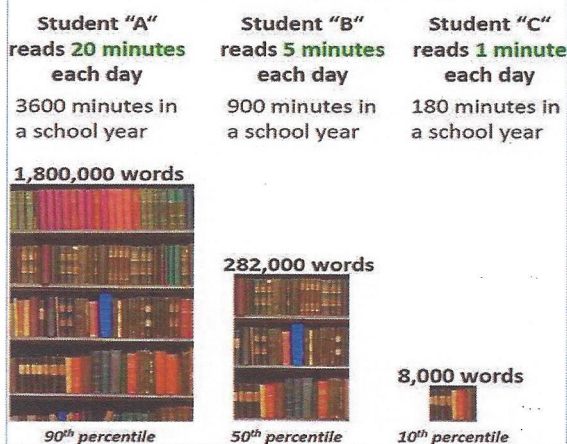
Dates for your diary

- 10th Sept- 3:30pm PTA Meeting
- 17th - 19th Sept- Year 6 Bike-ability
- 28th Sept- Macmillan Coffee Morning 8:30
- 10th Oct- Individual Photos
- 15th & 16th Oct- Parent's Evenings
- 17th Oct- Year 6 Class Assembly- Year 6 families welcome
- 18th Oct- School closes for the children
- 19th Oct- Staff INSET Day
- 29th Oct- School opens for Autumn Term 2
- 1st Nov- Singapore Maths Calculation Workshop for parents. All welcome.

Twitter

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter, to keep up to date with school life. We have two accounts, @ptabeechwood and @Beechwoodnews1

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

Home Reading

We cannot express enough the importance of your child reading at home; it sets them up for life-long learning, enjoyment and creativity! Although Americanised, the above stats make for interesting reading.

Singapore Workshop

This term we will be offering a Singapore Maths Workshop on Addition and Subtraction on Thursday 1st Nov at 5pm. All parents are welcome. Please let us know via text or emailing Miss Sturgess at the usual address.

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:

Year 6	Year 5	Year 2	Year 1	Year 3	Year 4	Reception
17 th October	26 th November	30 th January	20 th March	27 th March	22 nd May	10 th July

Reception's Curriculum

Literacy	<p>Since our whole school book this half term is 'The Wonder' by Faye Hanson we will be thinking about our imagination and things that we 'wonder' about.</p> <p>We have begun our teaching of phonics and learning some letter sounds and children will become familiar with forming and writing them.</p>
Maths	<p>We have completed our baseline assessments now and this week we have started a number a week, starting with number 1. Each week we will visit shapes and patterns and the language associated with position and direction and really consolidating what each number means.</p>
Knowledge and understanding of the world	<p>Our role play area outside this half term is a castle and we will be learning all about castles, and how people used to live in them. We will think about how their lives and amenities differ to how we live now? We will look at knight's armour and discuss what material is used to make the armour strong. Children will explore items made of metal and also explore magnets.</p> <p>We will challenge children to make a castle or cave for a toy using specific materials and to fulfil specific criteria. For example, can they make a cave for a dragon that will keep him warm? Can they make a castle for a king that will be strong? We will provide a variety of different materials for children to use and explore and compare.</p>
RE	<p>This term we will be finding out about 'Christianity and God'. We will be thinking about when the important times are for our communities and find out about the harvest festival and how people celebrate it.</p>
PE	<p>Our topic this term is gymnastics, children will begin to explore different ways of moving under, over and across apparatus and using their bodies to make different shapes.</p>
PSHCE	<p>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.</p>
Expressive arts	<p>There will be lots of creative opportunities this term as children will be engaging in a range of activities such as creating imaginary worlds and making sweets with various materials for our part in the whole school art display titled 'The Wonder'. They will also have the opportunity to explore colour mixing. During our music lessons we will be listening and responding to different styles of music, listening to and learning to sing or sing along with nursery rhymes and action songs and explore creating sounds and music with instruments</p>

Class Two's Topics (Year One)

English	The children will start with exploring the book 'The Wonder', here they will learn to write labels and simple captions about what they see. After this we will move on to looking at Traditional Tales before finishing the half term with poetry. Throughout all of our writing genres the children will be encouraged to use what they know about sounds to help them write independently. The children will actively be encouraged to check their own work - ensuring that all sentences start and end correctly.
Maths	The children will be starting Singapore Maths this term and will focus on learning about and manipulating numbers to 10. To begin the unit, the children will look at ordering numbers to 10 and will begin to count on and back. They will then move on to number bonds to 10 before applying these to addition and subtraction problems.
Topic	<u>The Great Fire of London</u> As part of this unit the children will have the opportunity to look at one of the greatest events in history. We will begin by looking at London past and present before moving on to explore details about the fire itself. During this topic the children will explore a range of cityscapes and will recreate a London sky line using a range of mixed media
Computing	This half term we will look at using a paint package. This Painting unit will teach the children basic painting skills in a painting application on a computer or tablet device. 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	This half term the children's art work will added to our whole school 'The Wonder' display. As a class we will look a specific section of the book and recreate these using a range of media.
RE	This half term we will be thinking about Christianity and God. The children will look into the following question: How and why are some stories about God special/sacred and important in religion? Our parable focus for this unit will be 'The Lost son' and the children will act out the story using finger puppets before writing their own version of the parable.
PE	This half term the children will be focusing on gymnastics. They will learn a range of basic shapes and moves during floor work before applying these to large apparatus.
Music	The children will explore a variety of music genres this half term. During music lesson the children will be asked to talk about what they hear. They will also learn how to find the pulse in a piece of music through a variety of games and activities.

Year 2's Curriculum

English	This term we will be using the book <i>Wonder</i> to lead the way. We will be focusing on basic skills in year two. Looking at identifying different types of words: adjectives, nouns, verbs and adverbs. We will look at our handwriting and start to learn how to join. In reading we will be looking at different strategies to help us answer questions.
Maths	Our first two chapters in Singapore focus of place value and addition/subtraction. We will explore how a number is made up and the place value of tens and ones. Using this knowledge, we will look at adding two 2 digit numbers and three 1 digit numbers. We will learn how to use column methods to add and subtract.
Topic	<u>London- The Great Fire Of London</u> This term will be the beginning of our topic on London and we will begin by looking at London today. Throughout Geography and History, we will explore what happened during the GFOL. We will look at reliable information and how we know about the GFOL today. At the end of this topic we will produce a newspaper report of what happened.
Science	<u>Living things</u> In science we will be looking at what makes things living. We will be looking at identifying that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited. We will describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other. We will identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats. We will look at how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.
RE	This half term we will be thinking about Christianity and God. We'll explore what people think is important to do daily, weekly and monthly. We will look at why these things are important.
Computing	Children will be introduced to the term 'Algorithms'. We will explore what this means and how we use algorithms daily. We will write our own algorithms and develop strategies to de-bug them when necessary. We will also look at the importance of internet safety and discuss why it's important not to share any of our information online.
PE	<u>Dance</u> This half term we will be taking part in different dance activities. We will start by exploring different movements and moving to the beat. As a class we will create a class dance and rehearse this each week.
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.

Year 3's Curriculum

English	Our writing focus for this half term will focus on stories with familiar settings. The children will be introduced to a range of new writing features that they will need to use in Year 3. The children will be working towards creating amazing setting descriptions based on settings that they have visited. The children will then look at another setting based on the story 'The Wonder'. I hope that you will all be excited to visit our sensory walk and see you children's work in the near future.
Maths	In Year 3, the children will continue to work with a Singapore approach. The children will focus on counting in 100s and embedding their place value knowledge before moving onto the four operations. The children will also be completing a range of reasoning lessons and will complete these tasks on Seesaw.
Topic	As this Year marks 100 years since the end of conflict during WW1, the children will study WW1 in detail. The children will use their historical, geographical and artist skills to explore and understand the war. The children will explore a range of factors such as the trenches, poetry and rationing. The children will be excited to know that we will be going on a trip to deepen their understanding of WW1.
Science	In Science this term, Year 3 will be looking at the topic of Animals including Humans. The children will explore where their food comes from and identify different food groups. We will be looking at our skeletons and those of animals looking at different parts of the body that allow us to move.
RE	In RE, the children will explore the question 'Understand what Hindus can learn from Diwali.' The children will explore how light is used to resemble good overcoming evil and look for links in their own lives.
MFL	<u>Greetings</u> This term we will be recapping on the conversational French we picked up on last year. We will be making sure we can greet each other and working on our pronunciation.
PE	During the first half term, Year 3 will take part in two different sporting activities. The children will be involved in both dance and football sessions during a Tuesday afternoon.
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.

Year 4's Curriculum

English	This term Year 4 will be creating a setting description for our whole-school book, The Wonder. We will be exploring the use of figurative language and expanded noun phrases to create a vivid image in the readers mind.
Maths	In Maths lessons, Year 4 will begin by recapping Place Value and with then move on to building their knowledge of adding and subtracting numbers up to 10,000.
Topic	As this Year marks 100 years since the end of conflict during WW1, the children will study WW1 in detail. The children will use their historical, geographical and artist skills to explore and understand the war. The children will explore a range of factors such as the trenches, poetry and rationing. The children will be excited to know that we will be going on a trip to deepen their understanding of WW1.
Science	This year Science will be taught by Mrs Kidd and Mrs Woodcock. During this first term the children will be learning about animals and humans. We will be learning all about teeth and how our digestive system works.
RE	In RE the children will explore the question 'Understand what Hindus can learn from Diwali.' The children will explore how light is used to resemble good overcoming evil and look for links in their own lives.
MFL	The children will begin their French knowledge by learning basic words and phrases that they would need in order to greet and have a conversation in French.
PE	During the first half term, Year 4 will take part in two different sporting activities. The children will be involved in both dance and football sessions during a Tuesday afternoon.
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.

Year 5's Curriculum

English	In English this term, Year Five will be creating a setting description for our whole-school book (TheWonder). Year Five will focus on using figurative language and expanded noun phrases to create vivid imagery. Similar to our Flotsam exhibition, parents will be welcomed into school to experience our walk-through book.
Maths	During Maths lessons, Year 5 will begin the term by recapping Place Value and extending their knowledge to numbers up to one million. Following this, we will focus on addition and subtraction of whole numbers.
Science	In Science this term Year Five will be looking at the topic of Earth and Space. The children will explore the planets, night and day and the solar system. In groups, Year Five will create their own solar system, using fruit to represent the planets.
Computing	In computing, the children will be improving 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	What might a Hindu learn from celebrating Diwali? This half term Year Five will be focusing on the key question in relation to Hinduism. The children will explore the festival of Diwali before considering what gives them hope during difficult times.
PE	In support of our Topic, Year Five will be learning dance moves from WW1. The children will focus on improving their flexibility and balance through their performance. Continuing with our WW1 theme, the children will take part in competitive sport through football lessons. At the end of term, KS2 will perform their dance and have inter-class football competitions as part of our WW1 100-year celebration event.
Topic	In time for the First World War centenary, topic lessons will focus on WW1. The children will learn about the warfare, the role of animals in war and life in Britain. During DT lessons, the children will bake a war time meal using a selection of rationed foods.
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 using the book Wonder to lead the way. We will be focussing on writing balanced arguments around war issues and tightening up our skills of using our language and descriptive choices to create images in the reader's head. In reading, we will be focussing on our ability to use hidden clues we are given by the writer to predict the outcome of a story.
Maths	Year 6 will be continuing their Singapore Maths journey they began last year. Together, we will be looking at Place Value, the different operations and will be getting to grips with the Bar Model and how to use this to support our problem solving. We will be focusing on division and multiplication, as recent tests have highlighted these as areas to develop.
Topic	<u>World War One</u> This term will be the beginning of our topic on all things World War One. We begin by looking at how it began, where it was fought and the impact animals had on the war. We will also be looking at famous poets and artists whose work was inspired by their own experiences during the war.
Science	<u>Electricity</u> In science we will studying electricity. We will be looking at the scientific symbols used to represent the different components in circuits, predicting whether drawn circuits will work or not, as well as carrying out experiments based on how to change the brig
RE	<u>Is Life Like A Journey?</u> This half term we will be looking at how Christians worship God. We will discuss the journey Christians take in their devotion to God focusing on their arrival and the significant events that take place along their journey.
MFL	<u>Greetings</u> This term we will be recapping on the conversational French we picked up on last year. We will be making sure we can greet each other and working on our pronunciation.
PE	As well as our weekly swimming session, this term Year 6 will be focusing on Football and the different skills we need to play a fair team game.
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.