



Beechwood Primary School

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Curriculum Update Issue 83- Summer Term 2019

Welcome Back!



Wow! How did the last half term of this academic year creep up on us so quickly? The last term is always an emotional one, with our Year 6 children spending their last few weeks with us before they move on to their chosen High School. We will be sad to see them go, however, we know they are more than ready to take on new challenges, meet new friends and show their new teachers how wonderful they truly are!

At the same time, we are excited to start to get to know our Reception children for the academic year 19.20 as they start their school visits over the next few weeks.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 12th June- Year 4 Class
Assembly- all welcome!

Friday 21st June- Netball residential
for those already signed up

Tuesday 25th June- NSPCC ESafety
Workshop

Wednesday 26th June- Rec, Y1, Y2 trip
to Anglican Cathedral

Thursday 27th June- Y4/5/6 Ice
Skating Comp

Mon 1st and Tues 2nd- Year 6 Heath
Transition

Thursday 4th July- Years 4, 5 and 6 to
watch Annie at The Heath.

Friday 5th July- PTA Disco

Wednesday 10th July- Reception Assembly- all
welcome

Monday 15th July- EYFS Learning Journey

Tuesday 16th July- Year 1/2 Learning Journey

Wednesday 17th July- Class 4 Learning Journey

Thursday 18th July- Class 5 Learning Journey

Friday 19th July- Class 6 Learning Journey

Monday 22nd July- Sports Day

Tuesday 23rd July- Leavers' Assembly

Wednesday 24th July- School finishes for
Summer 1:30pm

NSPCC

Following the online safety issues that have arisen this year, we have organised an ESafety parent workshop from NSPCC who will talk to you about how you can help to keep your child safe while they use online services such as the internet and social media. The date is 25th June at 4:30pm. Staff will be available to look after any children should you need it.

Reception

Literacy	This half term we will continue our topic on Traditional Tales. We will be reading 'The 3 little pigs', and we will become familiar with the story and then re-write it in our own words. We will discuss the sequence of the events in the story and role play the story using puppets, masks and actions. We will be writing speech bubbles for the wolf and the pigs in the stories. Finally, we will be writing creatively based on the traditional tales we have read.
Maths	This half term we will be using our knowledge and understanding of numbers from 1 to 20 to solve word problems and develop our skills in addition and subtraction. As well as extending further our knowledge of shapes, time and measurement.
Knowledge and understanding of the world	This half term we will be learning about materials. We will build houses in groups (3d structures) and test them for durability. We will make fronts for houses out of bricks/straw/hay/large card. We will investigate how bricks are put together to make a strong wall. We will be making houses from construction materials and find out which is strongest/best structure? We will be looking at materials found in houses- what are they made from on the outside? We will investigate soft, hard, rough, smooth. We will be programming the Bee-Bot wolf to direct him from house to house. A long side this we will be planting seeds and growing flowers.
RE	This half term we will continue to 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 be developing our athletic skills. The children will explore running, jumping and throwing activities and take part in simple challenges and competitions. They will experiment with different ways of travelling, throwing and jumping, increasing their awareness of speed and distance. They will also continue to develop working as part of team and understand the importance of following the rules of a game and working collaboratively.
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	<p>Our creative opportunities this half term will include: painting story pictures, making mini-houses for testing, making masks, finger puppets, stick puppets and animal headbands for role-play. Creating backgrounds and collages based on stories. They will have the opportunity to make music for a story using instruments.</p> <p>The children will also have the opportunity to work together to help develop our 3 little pigs Builders yard role play area.</p>

Year One

English	This half term we will be reading the book 'Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs' by Judi Barret. The children will be writing their own alternative endings to the story. As part of our learning we will make Foodimals and write instructions from this.
Maths	This half term we will be looking at shape and measurement in our Singapore Maths lessons. The children will look at how to identify halves and quarters in shapes and then begin to apply this to finding halves and quarters of numbers.
Topic	<u>Geography</u> This term our topic is titled 'What's the reason for the season?' As part of this unit the children will continue to develop their mapping skills. We will focus on naming the countries that make up the UK and will examine different types of weather. The children will write and record their own weather reports.
Science	<u>Plants/ Seasonal Changes</u> We will be planting beans this half term and looking carefully at the conditions needed for them to grow. The children will look at naming parts of plants and will discuss how the weather has an impact on their growth.
Music	Reflect, Rewind and Replay - the children will explore the history of music this half term and will be exposed to a range of musical genres.
PE	This half term we will master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities including team games.
Computing	The children 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.
RE	The children will explore why the church is important to Christians. They will look at the features of a church and will visit the Anglican Cathedral in Liverpool, enhancing their learning.
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 Two's Topics

English	This half term, our topic will be stories by a significant author. We will look at Julia Donaldson. We will find similarities and differences across her books. We will build up to writing our own sequel of 'SuperWorm'. 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 our unit on Time. We will also revise all of our units and re-cap all of the skills we have learn in Year Two. We will continue working on two-step word problems and strategies on how to solve them. Our final unit for this half term will be on fractions. We will look at how to find a half, quarter and two quarters of objects.
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 be looking at plants. We will identify come common trees. We will also name and identify common wild and garden plants. We will grow our own plants and conduct our own investigation.
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>Athletics</u> During this half term we will practise our athletic skills including: relays, long jump, shot put, javelin and track races.
RE	<u>Judaism</u> We will be looking at Judaism and we will look at different festivals from this religion.
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 3

English	This is our final half term so we will be really trying to show off what we have learn this year. We will start by writing adventure stories. After this, we will be writing for a range of different genres linking to our class text.
Maths	This term in maths, we will be finishing our fractions unit and then will be looking at angles, shapes and perimeter.
Topic	<u>Geography</u> This term takes us into researching Tropical Islands and comparing them to the UK.
Science	This half term the children will be learning about magnets. We will begin by investigating magnets and the N and S poles. We will look at different materials and investigate whether they will by attracted or repelled by the magnet. Finally, the children will then think about creating their own games using magnets too.
Music	Year Three will continue to learn playing the glockenspiel in class.
PE	On Tuesdays, we will be taking part in a range of different athletics including, archery, rely races, jumps and distance running. This will hopefully prepare us for sports day. On Wednesdays, Year 3 will continue with their swimming.
RE	We will continue to explore the question 'How should we live our lives?' We will be looking at this question from a Christian point of view, linking to the church and the special occasions that occur there. The children will also visit the Cathedral in Liverpool.
MFL	We will continue to build our French vocabulary and improve our vocabulary in order for us to converse confidently. We will also reading French in story books.
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 4

English	<p>This half term the children will be beginning by looking at the story Escape to Pompeii and linking this to the topic of Rainforests and Volcanoes. The children will then work on writing their own story based on the historical setting of Pompeii.</p> <p>The children will then spend a couple of weeks studying poetry and the children will be writing and performing their own poetry - keep an eye out on seesaw for all of these exciting pieces of writing. We will continue to focus on comprehension skills in reading and encourage the children to be reading regularly at home please try to question them to gain an insight of their understanding.</p>
Maths	<p>This half term year four will be beginning with a focus on mass, volume and length. The children will work on developing their understanding of reading a range of scales and measures and will progress to converting measures too. They will then spend time studying shape and looking at area, perimeter and movements too. Remind your children to be regularly practising their times tables they are the key to maths- they make problem solving and calculations much quicker to complete,</p>
Topic	<p>This term takes us into researching Tropical Islands and comparing them to the UK.</p>
Music	<p>This half term the children will be revisiting the songs they have already played on their instruments and will continue to learn new notes. The children will be practising lots of songs that they will perform for you at the upcoming play day. 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>On Tuesdays, we will be taking part in a range of different athletics including, archery, relay races, jumps and distance running. This will hopefully prepare us for sports day. Year 4 children also continue to develop their ice skating skills on Tuesday afternoons.</p>
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Year 5's Curriculum

English	In English this half term, Year 5 will complete an author study comparing the writing styles of Roald Dahl and David Walliams. The children will look at how the two authors create characters before trying to imitate the style of their favourite.
Maths	During Maths lessons, Year 5 will continue their topic on Converting Units of Measure before moving on to Area and Perimeter.
Science	In Science we will begin our new topic: Animals Including Humans. The children will study the lifecycle of humans focusing on the growth and changes from baby to maturity. The children will have the opportunity to reflect on their own physical development from birth to childhood.
Computing	This half term in computing we're going to look at ways of communication using technology compared to without. We will be looking at the use of emails as a way of communication and begin learning about sending and receiving emails.
RE	We will continue to explore the question 'How should we live our lives?' We will be looking at this question from a Christian point of view, linking to the church and the special occasions that occur there.
PE	In PE this term the children will continue to build on their flexibility, strength, control and balance during ice-skating lessons. Keep your eyes on Seesaw to watch as they gain in confidence week-by-week.
Topic	In topic this term we will begin continue with our theme: Tropical lands and Volcanoes. The children will have the opportunity to compare their own landscapes with that of Madagascar before moving on to study how volcanoes are formed.
PSHCE	Each week the children will participate in a range of PSHCE lessons linked to the British values.
French	In French, we will continue to build on the children's confidence in spoken and written language. We will look into French culture including lifestyle and music.

Year 6

English	This is our final half term and the one where our writing is assessed so we will be writing lots of different genres to show off all we have learnt this year.
Maths	We will be keeping our Maths brains ticking over this term by completing maths puzzles and daily skills practice.
Topic	<u>Geography</u> This term takes us into researching Tropical Islands and comparing them to the UK.
Science	<u>Light</u> We finish our topic on Evolution then move onto light, learning how it travels and looking at how shadows are formed.
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 Tuesdays, we will be continuing 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. We also have cricket sessions.
RE	If life is like a journey, what's the destination? We will be looking at the responsibilities that come with growing up.
MFL	We will continue to build our French vocabulary and improve our vocabulary in order for us to converse confidently. We will also reading French in story books.
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.