



Beechwood Primary School

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How has this year flown?

Wow! Is it the last half term already? How did that happen?

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 18.19 as they start their school visits over the next few weeks.

Dates for your diary

6th June- School opens for the Summer Term

13th June- Year 4 Class Assembly

22nd-24th June- Year 5/6 Netball Residential

26th June- 5pm Singapore Maths Workshop for Year 1 and EYFS parents.

2nd & 3rd July- Year 6 Transition Days

6th July- PTA Disco

11th July- Reception Class Assembly

13th July- Reports go out

16 July- EYFS Learning Journey

17th July- Year 1/2 Learning Journey

18th July- Class 4 Learning Journey

19th July- Class 5 Learning Journey

20th July- Year 6 Learning Journey

23rd July- Sports Day

24th July- Leavers' Assembly

Ice Skating

Over the last half term, Years 4 and 6 have been learning how to either play Ice Hockey or become Figure Skaters. They are loving the opportunity and are progressing well

Year 6 Blog

Year 6 are trialling a new feature SeeSaw has added: the ability to blog. We will be blogging over the next few weeks. Families can follow the link below to look at our blog. This means that more people around the world will get to see the wonderful work we are producing in a safe way.

<https://blog.seesaw.me/beechnoodclasssix>

Summer Safety

Please ensure your child has a sun hat and water bottle with them each day as we approach the hot Summer's days (fingers crossed!).

Singapore Workshops

The first of our Singapore Workshops is fast approaching. On 26th June, at 5pm we will be looking at the ideas behind the Singapore Maths approach and you will hopefully come away understanding the new approach.

As the Reception children will soon be moving into Year 1 and beginning their Singapore Maths journey, we are opening up the workshop to the parents and carers of the children in our current Class 1 (reception class). If you would like to attend, please contact the school through the usual channels to confirm your attendance.

Reception Topics

This half term we will be carrying on with last half terms plans. We all got so carried away with the Gingerbread man and didn't have time to start the 'Three little pigs' story.

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	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. The children will also have the opportunity to work together to help develop our Garden Centre and Ice-cream Parlour and 3 little pigs Builders yard role play areas.

Year One's Topics

English	This half term, Year One are looking at Fantasy Stories and will continue to use Talk4Writing strategies to develop writing skills. As part of this unit we will be writing letters, poems and re telling our chosen literature story. Our book this half term is 'The Man on The Moon'.
Maths	This half term Year One will continue to cover a range of maths skills. We will be beginning by looking at time (to the hour and half past the hour) before moving onto money, capacity, mass and space. We will continue to develop our understanding of addition and subtraction and will complete further reasoning challenges.
Topic	<u>Sporting events from around the world.</u> This half term, we will be looking at the history of The World Cup. We will be writing information texts on this topic and we will also write instructions for our World Cup Mascots. When the World Cup finishes we will learn about the winning country.
DT	<u>Sewing</u> The children will be designing, making and evaluating their own World Cup Mascots.
Science	During Science lessons this half term we will be looking at sorting animals into different groups. We will then create animal facts files based on what we have found out.
RE	What special places/times do people have for God? This half term, we will be discussing our key question in relation to Judaism. The children will explore Hanukkah, writing a fantasy story based on 'Simon and the Bear'.
Music	In music this half term we will focus on the unit 'Your Imagination'. The children will listen to and appraise a range of songs including: Your Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious from Mary Poppins • Pure Imagination from Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory soundtrack • Daydream Believer by The Monkees • Rainbow Connection from The Muppet Movie and A Whole New World from Aladdin before moving on to playing alongside these on the Glockenspiel.
PE	Through a range of activities, including cricket and futsal tuition, the children will build their co-ordination and agility. This will be supported by football lessons with Miss Atherton where the children will continue to develop their ability to work within a team.
Computing	This half term Year One will be developing their animation skills using a stop motion app on the iPads. We will use our World Cup Mascots made in DT as the subjects of our animations.

Year Two's Topics

English	This term we will be combining all of the skills we have covered to write for a range of purposes. We will begin by using the book Meerkat Mail, writing a non-chronological report and re-writing our own version of Meerkat Mail. As a class author we will look at Anne Fine and begin by reading the story 'Killer Cat'. Additionally, we will be looking at C.S. Lewis, in particular Narnia.
Maths	This half term we will be revisiting all of the topics we have covered this year. We will further extend our knowledge in these areas and cover any misconceptions. Additionally, we will apply our knowledge of the four different operations, to word problems. Particularly, looking at two step word problems.
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/Topic	<p>This term we will be covering animals, including humans. We will look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animals babies • Growing and changing • Basic needs • Healthy eating • Exercise • Hygiene. <p>We will make observations and analyses results carefully, during mini investigations.</p>
Music	We will continue to follow the Charanga music scheme. The children have enjoyed accessing this at home.
PE	This term our focus is on athletics. We will do most of our lessons on the field, practising different events for sports day. We will continue to develop our running and track skills. Also looking at different throwing skills.
RE	This half term we will be looking at Sikh Dharam. Our main question that we will be exploring is, does worship have to happen in a special place?
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 Three's Topics

English	In English, we will continue to explore different genres of writing. We will be writing exciting adventure stories based on the text the tunnel. The children will continue to use all of the writing features that they have already learn this year and will now be expected to show off what they can do.
Maths	This term we will finish off our fractions work. The children will then look at angles and perimeter. The children reasoning skills will be put to the test and they will have the opportunity on Seesaw to show everyone how their reasoning skills have developed.
Topic	As the children now have an in depth understanding of the Anglo-Saxons, we will begin to look at the Vikings and how they raided Britain to take over. The children will have some practical History and Geography lessons looking at a burial and taking part in a trade game to understand the trade links in the world.
Science	This term, Year Three will be focusing on the topic of Magnets. Working scientifically, they will observe how magnets interact. Later in the term, the children will design and create their own game using magnets.
PE	PE this term, will look at a range of different athletic skills. The children will be learning how to run, jump and throw. The children will be practicing and learning these skills and will put them to the test during sports day. The children will also continue with their swimming lesson.
RE	The children will finish their work on Hinduism and the start to look at Buddhism. The children will be looking at the life of a Buddha and looking at the impact that it might have on their own lives. The children will look at a range of different stories and moral dilemmas.
COMPUTING	In computing, the children will be looking at illustrating books. Linking to the idea of developing their story writing this half term. The children will be introduce to new apps and equipment and will use this to create their own book.
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 Four

English	In English this term, Year Four will be looking at Persuasive Letters. The children will explore ways of communicating with their audience: through rhetorical questions, the 'power of three' and formal language.
Maths	During Maths lessons, Year Four will be learning about Geometry followed by Time. Their knowledge of place value and fractions will support both of these topics. Later in the term, we will recap on Data Handling and reading graphs (something that they have already rehearsed in Science).
Science	Working with Mrs Kidd, Year Four will continue their topic of Living Things and their Habitats. Later in the term, they will finally observe the results of sugar and acid on their eggs (after 9 months in jars, I think this will make for a smelly experiment).
Computing	In computing, the children will be looking at illustrating books. Linking to the idea of developing their story writing this half term. The children will be introduced to new apps and equipment and will use this to create their own book.
Music	We will continue to work with Ms Richmond to learn how to play our brass instruments. The children will focus on reading music as well as becoming more accurate at playing notes.
RE	The children will finish their work on Hinduism and then start to look at Buddhism. The children will be looking at the life of a Buddha and looking at the impact that it might have on their own lives. The children will look at a range of different stories and moral dilemmas.
PE	In PE, Year 4 will continue to have tuition in ice-skating. This amazing experience will build stability, gross motor skills and confidence as well as opening their horizons to new competitive sports. At the end of the term, we hope the children will skate competitively against other children in Halton.
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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 5 Topics

Literacy	This half term we will be looking at stories from other cultures and older literature. The children will be consolidating all the skills they have learnt over the past year to write letters, story openers and alternative endings to stories. We will continue to develop our own story writing by improving the way we describe settings, characters and their emotions.
Maths	This half term we will be learning about measurement, weight, capacity and time. We will be using our new skills to solve problems. Later on in the term, the children will be exploring area and perimeter.
RE	The children will be exploring the Buddhist faith and how they use meditation to find a place of peace. The children will be designing their own shrine and place to meditate.
PE	Through a range of activities, including cricket and futsal tuition, the children will build their co-ordination and agility. This will be supported by athletics lessons with Miss Atherton where the children will continue to develop their throwing and jumping 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	This term, Year Five will be studying Living Things with Miss Atherton. Working scientifically, the children will explore how plants reproduce by creating their own plant cuttings. Later in the term, they will use their new knowledge to create an experiment and collect data to support a conclusion.
Topic	In this final term we will be learning about Vikings and how they invaded Britain. The children are very lucky to have a real Viking coming into school to teach us lots of skills and will even make their own long boat.
MFL	This half term the children will be learning how to tell the time and ask what time it is? They will use their skills to describe an activity they do at a certain time of day.
Music	The children are continuing to practise their clarinet skills. They are looking at different notes to be able to compose their own two bar rhythms. Please remind your child to bring their instrument home to practise but also have it back in school ready for their lesson on a Thursday.

Year Six's Topics

English	This term is our chance to show off the amazing writing skills the children have acquired over the course of the year. We will be using the book Survivors to capture our imaginations and write in a variety of different styles.
Maths	Even though the children think we have no Maths left to complete, we do! We have to keep our Maths brains ticking over or all the skills and knowledge we have gained will be forgotten. After all, the Maths brain is a muscle and we need to keep working it or we lose it! We will be completing challenges, investigations and weekly skills checks to ensure we don't forget anything.
Topic	This term will be a busy one! As well as a geography focus on settlements, where we will be looking at why towns and cities grew where they did, we will be using some of our topic time to reflect on our time at Beechwood and rehearse our play.
Science	This term we will be focusing on the Human Body. We will identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood and describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.
PE	Our last half term will be a continuation of our Ice Skating and Ice Hockey lessons as well as our gymnastics lessons with the coach from Focus Gymnastics.
RE	We will continue to reflect on how people show their devotion to their religions through the sacrifices they make in their day to day life. We will be discussing whether we would do the same!
MFL	In French, we are continuing to build our vocabulary and improve our pronunciation. We will be looking at the conversations we have had this year and perfecting our accents.
PSHCE	As well as the Picture News- which will keep us up-to-date with current issues- we will be looking at the transition to High School. We will be open about the fears and anxieties we have, as well as what we are looking forward to.