



Beechwood Primary School

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Curriculum Update Issue 71- Summer Term 2017



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

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 14th June- EYFS Story Stacks Family Learning event held in school weekly.

Friday 7th July- PTA Disco. Details to follow.



Monday 18th July- EYFS Learning Journey and KS2 End of Year Performances

Monday 17th July- 3:30 Transition Meeting

Tuesday 18th July- Year 1/2 Learning Journey

Wednesday 19th July- Class 4 Learning Journey

Thursday 20th July- Class 5 Learning Journey

Friday 21st July- Class 6 Learning Journey

Monday 24th July- Sports Day

Tuesday 25th July- Leavers' Assembly

Wednesday 26th July- School finishes for Summer 1:30pm

Aspirations Week

Thank you to all the parents who helped out in the last week of half term. The children learnt lots from the different visitors. It was lovely to see them all dressed up as what they aspire to be. We are sure they will all reach their goals!

PE Kits

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every week, and it is taken home to be washed on Fridays. Also, as the children seem to be shooting up lately, please check the trainers they wear in school for the 'Mile a Day' run still fit.

May we please ask you to check if your child has a 'cover all' in their PE bag ready for messy activities!

Reception

Summer term 2nd half

Literacy	This half term our topic is Plants and Growth. We will be reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk' as our main book, as well as 'The Tiny Seed' and 'The Enormous Turnip'. We will continue to look at writing in sentences and the key features of a sentence we need to include in our work. We will also continue to add more detail to our sentences in preparation for Y1.
Maths	Our maths sessions will focus on gathering observations on the children's language of time, measurement, shape and money. We will also revisit number again, ensuring the children are able to order, add and subtract numbers confidently. Any observations from home to support our work would be most welcome.
Knowledge and understanding of the world	This half term we will be learning about plants and how they grow. We will be planting a bean and other seeds and looking closely at the changes that take place as the seeds begins to grow. We will learn how to look after plants and learn the importance of bees and butterflies. We will also go on a plant and flower hunt around the school grounds.
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 continue to look at community symbols and at what builds/helps our community. We will continue to look at the special places and important times for our community. We will continue to look at types of clothing and how it can make us special.
PE	This half term we will continue to do our P.E outside on the field or playground. We plan to focus on preparing for sports day, practicing our skills in running, jumping, and hopping and team sports that will develop the ability to throw and catch a ball. This will further develop working as part of team and understand the importance of following the rules of a game and working collaboratively.
PSHCE	In PSHE this half term our theme continues to tackle the issue of change and aims to equip the children with an understanding of different types of change, positive and negative. We will also work on the transition into Year 1 to make this change as easy as possible.
Expressive arts	Our creative opportunities this half term will include making seed pictures, looking at the artist Van Gogh and producing paintings in his style. The children will be encouraged to use musical instruments to accompany the retelling of the story of Jack and the Beanstalk.

Year 1's Topics

English	In English this half term we will be focusing on the story 'Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. During this unit the children will make their own 'Foodimals' and will learn how to write a set of instructions. After this the children will move on to write their own version of the story During our SPaG lessons the children will continue learning about the suffixes 's' 'es' 'ed' and 'ing'.
Maths	In Maths this half term the children will begin to look at Time. We will explore finding halves and quarters of shapes before moving on to finding halves and quarters of numbers. Time to the hour and half hour. After this we will look at money, capacity and length before moving on to mass and space.
Topic	<u>Lights, Camera, Action!</u> Our topic this half term focuses on maps and weather. During this unit the children will learn about compass points and keys. They will look at seasonal changes and will track the weather over a period of time. Using the story the children will use green screen technology to record their own weather reports with a twist!
Computing	<u>Scratch Junior</u> This unit reinforces skills taught throughout the year. Children are given the opportunity to use their skills in a new context and apply them with the software they are familiar with, in order to reinforce their learning. The lessons focus primarily on the three units of Computer Skills, Word Processing and Painting.
DT	This half term the children will learn about building structures. This unit has a twist and will be based on the bread houses built on the island of ChewandSwallow.
RE	During RE the children will explore the religion of Judaism. They will look at Jewish beliefs and practice before moving on to make their own information books using the APP Adobe Spark.
PE	In this unit the children will explore Athletic activities. They will explore circuits before moving on to activities in preparation for Sports day.
Music	This half term the children will be exploring the unit Reflect, Rewind and Reply. They will listen to and appraise a range of music from the 20 th Century.
PSHCE	In PSHCE this half term we will be exploring Philosophy for Children (P4c). The children will listen to a variety of stories with a theme/moral and will be encouraged to decide upon questions to discuss from these. Throughout the sessions the children will be developing both their speaking and listening skills and the ability to empathise.

Year Two's Topics

English	The children will use their imagination to write a class poem about where they would go if they could fly like a bird. They look at eagles and swans and find exciting vocabulary. Then they will write short poems based on haiku about birds that interest them. The children will then read a range of quest stories, exploring structure and language choice. They explore 4 types of sentence and experiment with tense. The children will write their own extended stories, concluding by performing their writing to younger children within the school.
Maths	The children will describe and group 3-D shapes, forming structures with them and making patterns using 3-D shapes. The children will then explore the concepts of time. We will begin with recognising time to 5 minutes and progresses in a way that pupils will be able to tell time, sequence it and manipulate an analogue clock. We will then be learning how to find the duration of time, the end of a length of time, the beginning of a length of time and finally, compare lengths of time.
Topic	We are looking at weather and seasons as our Topic this term. The children will create and filming their own weather forecasts based on Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. The children will build knowledge of seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK and begin to understand the hot and cold areas of the world as well as developing locational knowledge and early geographical skills. The children will also learn about the countries and capital cities of the UK, points of the compass and weather symbols along the way.
Art/DT	This term the children will learn about the homes that people build around the world to live in different climate and then they will design and build a model house that is best suited to a challenging climate. We will then discuss storms and how to respond to an emergency. The children will make and test their flood-resistant house.
Science	In science we will continue to explore the world of seeds. The children will learn why plants disperse their seeds and the various clever ways in which they do this. Plant cress seeds and grow a bean using hydroponics – watch and record what happens to them. Using various art and design techniques, make and model your own seeds and finally enjoy the fruits of your labours!
Music	This Term Year 2 will learn how to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others. They will review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians. They
PE	This term the children will continue to develop strength, balance, control and through rounder's and cricket. They will learn how to catch and throw a ball with greater accuracy. They will learn the rules for these games and how to score.
RE	Now that we know all there is to know about Muhammad, we will move on to look at how he has impacted Islam today. We will discover the 5 pillars of Islam as well as exploring the key features of a mosque.
PSHCE	In PSHCE our topic is going to be Good To Be Me. We will talk about the positive qualities that we have and how we can find good qualities in other people. We will talk about our talents and learn how to persist and apply a growth mindset to new skills.

Year 3 Class Four's Topics

English	As we decided to write our Myths first (which are amazing- did you see them on seesaw?), we will spend this term looking at how to write an information page; using our research on the Olympics to help us.
Maths	After we finish our fractions work, we will move onto Angles and Shape. The children will continue to receive homework this term from their Singapore Maths books on the topic of Money.
Science	This term we will focus on Light. We will be looking at the patterns of shadows throughout the day and how we can use reflection to see around corners!
Topic	This term we embrace our Greece topic by beginning with a focus on the wonderful History of the country. We will imagine we are Ancient Greek Olympians, research the Ancient Olympic Games and look at how Greek life has affected our lives today.
Computing	Now that the Year 3 and 4 children have a better knowledge of how computers work after completing their unit on coding, they will be moving onto exploring a range of methods to present information. This will begin with using Green Screen Technology to record an advert for Greece, complete with rolling autocue. Keep an eye out on the Seesaw app - we might just be able to persuade you to book a holiday!
Art/DT	Again, linking to our Greece topic, we will be recreating Greek plates and pots using clay; working on our carving skills along the way!
Mandarin	<u>Applying Learning</u> - We are going to be recapping all that we have learned in Mandarin this year and attempt to perform role plays in small groups using the vocabulary we have learned.
RE	After a little more time on Hinduism, we will be looking at the Sikh religion.
PE	This Summer Term, we will be enjoying our Wednesday Swimming sessions. As well as this, all of the children will be having Multi-skills sessions with the Widnes Vikings on Fridays.
PSHCE	We will continue to deepen our thoughts this half term with more Philosophy for Children sessions, looking at body image and how the media can affect this.

Year 4 Class Four's Topics

English	<p>This half term, we will be learning how to write a Playscript and comparing modern day scripts to those from Ancient Greek times. There will be opportunity to write our own scripts and performing; keep your eyes on the Seesaw app for some sneak previews from the Year 4 thespians! We will also attempt to turn our scripts into short stop motion plays.</p> <p>We are still working hard on our independent reading skills, so please encourage your child to take a few minutes out of each day to read a little bit of a book that they enjoy. (Please sign their diaries to say you have checked). Reading just a little bit each day has a great impact!</p>
Maths	<p>This half term we will be finishing off our Singapore Maths unit on Area and Perimeter which we have just about cracked now! We will then be moving onto the unit on Geometry which will involve learning and investigating about shapes; this will include naming different angles and sorting shapes and finding aspects of symmetry. Our main focus will be on 2d shapes. We will also be putting this knowledge to the test through a variety of deep challenges.</p>
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Computing	<p>During this term, we will be using green screen apps and auto queue apps to create holiday adverts for Greece.</p>
Art/DT	<p>Again, linking to our Greece topic, we will be recreating Greek plates and pots using clay; working on our carving skills along the way!</p>
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Year 4's Class 5 Topics

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Topic	<p>Ancient Greece</p> <p>This half term we will continue with our topic of Ancient Greece, however the focus will be on the history rather than geography. The children will look at events of importance within Ancient Greece including the Olympics, we will look at the changes that have occurred and how the Olympics games were discovered. The children will continue to do work on landmarks and the reason for them being built.</p>
Science	<p>Forces</p> <p>The topic of forces will continue for the children this half term, we will look at air resistance as well as how forces can be both balanced and unbalanced. The children have been working on developing their experimental skills and will continue to look at how to write up results/findings in greater depth.</p>
RE	<p>Hinduism - Religious Teachings</p> <p>During this half term the children will continue to focus on the religion of Hinduism, they will look further at the features of mandir/temple and discuss the importance for prayer both at home and within a temple. The children will learn about the steps taken before prayer.</p>
PE	<p>Gymnastics</p> <p>This term year 5 will continue to participate in gymnastics run by Focus Gymnastics. They will work on shapes and new skills, which each week they will be able to challenge themselves to complete.</p> <p>Cricket</p> <p>For our final half term of PE we will be engaging in kwik cricket sessions, where the children will continue to focus on the skills on batting, fielding and bowling as well as considering the rules for the sport.</p>
PSHCE	<p>Changes</p> <p>As we enter the last term of the year, our PSHCE topic will cover changes, such as moving classes and the emotions this may provoke. The children will be discussing different ways that people react to changes, and how different situations provoke different emotions. The children will also write biography for a celebrity who they feel is a role model.</p>
Music	<p>Brass</p> <p>This half term the children will continue to practice their pieces of music for the upcoming performance, where they will be able to show off their range of skills in the pieces they have learnt.</p>
Mandarin	<p><u>Applying Learning</u></p> <p>We are going to be recapping all that we have learned in Mandarin this year and attempt to record a vlog and write a short letter to someone in China telling them about ourselves and our lives.</p>

Year Five's Topics

Literacy	<p>Who let the gods out</p> <p>This half term we will continue with our class text of who let the gods out. The children will be beginning by researching and hopefully composing letters to question the author Maz Evans. The children will then write biographies about the author and her life. The children will continue to look at other text types such as letter writing and balanced arguments too. In the final weeks, the children are excited to begin creating their own information guide about Beechwood in the form of 'Buddy Booklets'</p>
Maths	<p>Conversion</p> <p>This half term the maths focuses will be on conversion of measure and volume. The children will look at measure in terms of length, weight and distance and will look at the skills needed to convert from one measure to another. Towards the end of the half term the children will have a focus on solving word problems and challenges about the areas we have covered over the last couple of weeks.</p>
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Year Six's Topics

English	<p><u>Letters</u></p> <p>This half term in English we will be recapping what we have learned this year and writing some pieces of writing to show off our developed sophisticated understanding of sentence structure and punctuation. We will be looking at letter writing and writing a persuasive speech.</p>
Maths	<p><u>Revision</u></p> <p>In maths, we will continue to consolidate everything that we have learned during the children's time at Beechwood through daily challenges and puzzles. We will also be focusing on maths monsters to ensure that mental calculations are fluent so continue to practise hard at home.</p>
Topic	<p><u>Ancient Greece</u></p> <p>This half term, we will continue to learn about Greece, only we will now shift our focus to Ancient Greece. We will learn about daily life in Ancient Greece and how the empire introduced things that have affected our lives today. We will also research Greek Gods and Goddesses and learn about the impact they had on the lives of Ancient Greek people.</p>
Science	<p><u>Animals including humans</u></p> <p>In science, our topic will be animals including humans. We will learn about the circulatory system, exploring how blood and oxygen are transported around the body. We will also discover what a healthy lifestyle is and the detrimental effect that drugs and alcohol can have on the body.</p>
Music	<p><u>Soundstart (Band)</u></p> <p>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.</p>
PE	<p><u>Athletics</u></p> <p>In PE this half term, we will be looking at the skills involved in athletics such as running and throwing events. We will be learning to develop our fitness and will learn what it takes to be a good athlete. Also, gymnastic instructors will continue to come into school to help children learn how to perform controlled movements and balances.</p>
RE	<p><u>If life is a journey, where does it lead?</u></p> <p>This half term our focus in RE shifts to Buddhism. We will learn about the beliefs and values of Buddhist followers and about the life of Buddha who founded this religion. We will also explore the ways in which Buddhists worship and devote their life to their faith.</p>
Mandarin	<p><u>Applying Learning</u></p> <p>We are going to be recapping all that we have learned in Mandarin this year and attempt to record a vlog and write a short letter to someone in China telling them about ourselves and our lives.</p>
PSHCE	<p><u>Changes</u></p> <p>This half term, Year Six will be talking about the changes that are taking place in their lives. They will talk about their time in primary school and their expectations of high school. We will discuss the changes in responsibility and independence that will be expected of them and how they can best prepare themselves for this.</p>