



Beechwood Primary School

Think for yourself, care for others

Welcome to Summer Term at Beechwood!

We have finished an incredibly busy and productive term at Beechwood. As usual, we have been getting stuck in with sports events, singing events and year 6 even performed Shakespeare.

As we move into summer, year 2 and year 6 are on the last leg of their journey before they sit their end of key stage SATs. However, we will also continue to provide our usual broad and balanced curriculum and ensure that children get all the important experiences that they need!



Dates for your diary

19th-21st April- Year 4 Residential

25th April- PTA Film Night

1st May- Bank holiday (school closed)

3rd May- Year 3/4 Library Visit

5th May- Year 4/5 Library Visit

8th May- Bank holiday (school closed)

9th-12th May- Year 6 SATs

17th May- Year 6 Library Visit

19th May- Non-uniform (Bottle Donations)

24th May- Hawking Class Assembly

May (Dates TBC)-Year 2 SATs

24th May- School closes

Polite Reminders

- Children need to be wearing the correct Beechwood uniform each day - PE kits on the given day- all clothing, particularly coats' should be labelled with your child's name.
- As the weather gets warmer, please ensure children have their named Beechwood water bottle in school each day and bring in a hat to wear at breaks.
- All pupils should be reading at home every day, this should be recorded in their reading record.

Class Assemblies

We have loved seeing all the classes fantastic assemblies so far this year. Year 5 both did a great job of sharing their learning in Spring 2. Please see the dates below for the remaining class assemblies which parents and carers and welcome to come and watch. Each assembly will be from 9am- 9.30am.

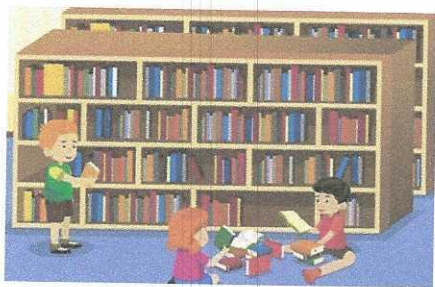
24.05.23: Hawking

15.06.23: Rosen

05.07.23: Picasso

Library Visits

Across Spring 2, the pupils have been visiting the library. Two more classes- Pankhurst and Malala- are set to go this half term. The purpose of these visits is for children to familiarise themselves with the local library and what they have to offer, they will also bring home a letter to sign up for a library card if they do not already have them.



Phonics

In EYFS and Key Stage 1, phonics and early reading is a priority. Pupils a new sound each day with the Read Write Inc scheme, they practice reading and writing their sound in different words as well as recapping previously learnt sounds.

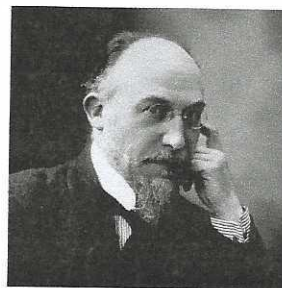
To further support your child at home you can practice reading individual sounds with your child, your child's teacher may also provide sounds and words for you to practice, however the best thing you can do is read: this may be your child reading a book to you or you modelling reading to them. If you would like any more information, please speak to your class teacher.

Drama Workshops

This term, we are very grateful to our PTA who have kindly funded drama workshops for every class across school. These workshops will be provided by Helen O'Brady drama academy who will come in school each Wednesday morning for 8 weeks. The workshops will be provided with each classes topics in mind to provide further cross-curricular learning with other subjects.

Our music of the Term

Each half term we choose a different composer or musician to learn about. We play their music in class and assemblies and also learn a new fact about the each week, for Summer 1 our musician is...**Erik Satie.**



SATs

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our meetings about the year 2 and year 6 SATs taking place this term. These are the statutory end of key stage assessments which pupils across the country take each year.

All the staff in school have been working endlessly to give the pupils the best chance at these assessments and we will continue to do so. Please ensure, where possible, that your child is in school on time each day- this includes attending additional morning sessions each day when offered. We also ask that children continue to complete set homework which will support their learning and read as much as possible!

A reminder however that whilst we want the children to show off what they can do in these tests, they should not be a cause of stress and so downtime and quality sleep are just as important. **And remember: SATs do not assess all of what makes you special and unique!**

Rosen Class

Find out what we are learning about this half term

English	This term we begin with the text 'The Naughty Bus'. We will be learning the text with actions before we innovate and write our own recount of when the naughty buses came into our classroom. We will then look at 'The Disgusting Sandwich' story, where we will innovate the story and design our own disgusting sandwiches. We will also have a big focus on phonics, in preparation for the Y1 Phonics checks just after half term.
Maths	This half term we will be looking at multiplication, division, fractions and time. The way we work will continue to be very practical to support the children's learning and we will also be focusing on our reasoning skills further.
History	This term we begin with 'Transport and Royalty' and looking at the bridges across the River Mersey. We will be answering some core questions: What other modes of transport are used to cross the River Mersey? Why did the Queen visit Runcorn? Why was the Silver Jubilee bridge opened?
Science	This half term we are focusing on plants. We will be identifying and naming a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. We will identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.
RE	In RE we will be looking at 'Why might some people put their trust in God?' In this unit, the children will explore Jewish beliefs about God, with a focus on why religious people put their trust in God and how this might be expressed. They will learn about the story of Noah and the symbol of the rainbow as God's promise never to send a flood to destroy the world again.
PE	Our focus this half term is 'Dance'. We will be creating a minibeast themed dance, using our bodies to create minibeast shapes, movements, actions and feeling. The children will perform, review and improve our finished performance pieces.
RSE	This half term's RSE topic focuses on 'Safety and the changing body' how to respond to adults in different situations; distinguishing appropriate and inappropriate physical contact; understanding what to do if lost and how to call the emergency services; identifying hazards in the home and people in the community who keep us safe.
ART	This term we will be looking at weaving and artwork created by the artist Cecilia Vicuna. We will be learning techniques to weave including plaiting, threading and knotting. The children will choose, measure, arrange and fix materials. They will explore their ideas using a range of media and produce woven artwork.

Attenborough Class

Find out what we are learning about this half term

English	To start the term off the children will focus on completing lots of book reviews allowing them to develop their reflective skills. There will be lots of opportunities for independent writing this term. 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. To help your children at home, please encourage them to read and learn their spellings each week.
Maths	This term we will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes and will continue to focus on answering word problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. If you would like to support your child in this area, ask these types of questions - For example I went to the shop and bought 4 boxes of 2 apples. How many apples do I have? These problems can link to their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
History	In History we will be learning about Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell with a focus on how nursing has changed over time.
Science	This term the children will be learning about plants. They will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants and find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.
RE	We will be exploring Judaism. The children will have an opportunity to explore ways in which we respond to things that really matter to us.
PE	This term year 2 will focus on athletics skills focusing on accuracy and working together within a team. Children will have plenty of opportunity to develop skills of technique, control and self-evaluation identifying ways to evaluate and prove their skills.
RSE	This half term we will finish completing our 'Safety and the Changing Body' unit.
ART	'Map it out' In ART this half term we will be looking at map work and how to creatively draw a map of their journey to school, including key landmarks and different types of mark-making.

Pankhurst Class

Find out what we are learning about this half term

English	In our Talk for Writing lessons, we will be using the book Tuesday by David Weisner to write fantasy stories. This is a wordless book which tells the story of unusual frogs who take over a town on a Tuesday night. Using this text we will be focusing on using interesting vocabulary to enhance our story telling and also looking at using different tenses accurately.
Maths	This half term, we will be focusing on shape. Our first unit is 'Lines and Shapes' where we will learn about perpendicular and parallel lines and drawing different 2d shapes. We will then be working on 'Perimeter' where we will be measuring and working out the perimeter of different shapes.
History	Our topic this half term is the Ancient Egyptians. We will be using primary and secondary sources to find out about what life was like in the Ancient Egyptians. We will look at the incredible inventions and systems which they created that we still use today and investigate the complicated pyramids which they built.
Science	This half term in Science, our topic is plants. We will be finding out about different parts of plants and their functions. We will also be investigating what plants need to grow including how water is transported in plants. Finally, we will be finding out about the life cycle of flowering plants.
RE	In RE, our focus religion is Sikhism. We will be investigating our focus question 'Why are Gurus important to Sikhs?'. As part of this, we will look at what exactly a Guru is and find out about Guru Nanak. We will also be reflecting on our own role models.
PE	In PE this half term we will be learning how to play cricket. We will initially work on our throwing, catching, batting and bowling skills before beginning to focus on learning the rules of diamond cricket.
RSE	This half term we will be completing our 'Safety and the Changing Body' unit.
DT	In DT this half term, we will be looking at food. We will begin learning about seasonal foods and where in the world different foods grow. We will then be creating some tasty tropical fruit treats and planning our own fruit treats, maybe even trying fruits we haven't eaten before.
MFL	In French, we will be learning how to talk about the members of our family (ma famille), as well as naming common parts of our house. We will also be learning prepositions to describe where items are.

Hawking Class

Find out what we are learning about this half term

English	During this half term, we will start our learning but writing a recount based on our exciting residential to Barnstondale. After this non-fiction unit, we will move our focus to fiction writing a portal story. The children will continue to work on their word walls and now should ensure that they can spell all of the words. In reading, the children will finish their unit on Arki and the Island of wonders and move onto a reading a non-fiction text; Fantastically Great Women Who Saved the World.
Maths	In maths, the children will complete their unit on area and perimeter during the first two weeks back at school. The children will then focus on naming triangles, angles and plotting coordinates.
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Science	The children will continue their work on Living things and Their Habitats. The children will focus in on creating classification keys linked to animals and their features.
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PE	In years 3/4 the children will take part in crickets lessons whilst the children in 4/5 will develop their athletics skills. Y3/4 -In PE this half term we will be learning how to play cricket. We will initially work on our throwing, catching, batting and bowling skills before beginning to focus on learning the rules of diamond cricket.
RSE	This half term we will be completing our 'Safety and the Changing Body' unit.
DT	Yr3/4 - Tis half term the children will be learning how to adapt and change a recipe. They will be creating some biscuits and then changing ingredients based on their tastes. They will then review the new biscuits they have created.
MFL	In French, the children will focus on eating and food. The children will cover to go shopping for food, to ask how much something costs, to talk about activities at a party and to give opinions about food and various activities.
Computing	In computing, year 4 are going to working on data handling. As part of this they will be designing a weather station and recording weather forecast information on a spreadsheet. They will also create a video, sharing their weather forecast information.

Malala Class

Find out what we are learning about this half term

English	In English, we will be learning how to build suspense in our writing using the text 'Zelda Claw and the Rain Cat'. We will be looking at features of suspense writing and having a go at using it in our own animal threat stories.
Maths	We will learn about angles and lines in geometry. We will practise measuring, finding and drawing angles. We will then learn about position and movement - looking at describing translations, reflections and successive reflections.
History	In history this term, we will be learning all about the Ancient Egyptians and Ancient Civilisations. We will be using primary and secondary sources to find out about what life was like in the Ancient Egyptians. We will look at the incredible inventions and systems which they created that we still use today and investigate the complicated pyramids which they built.
Science	In science, we will complete our learning on materials- learning about different ways to separate materials. We will then start our learning on living things and their habitats, with a focus on different animal life cycles.
RE	This term, Malala class will be learning about Sikhism. We will focus on our focus question ' why do people follow sacred books?' As part of this we will look at the Guru Granth Sahib and discuss why it is important to Sikhs.
PE	Year 5 will be developing their athletics skills this term in PE.
RSE	This half term we will be completing our 'Safety and the Changing Body' unit.
DT	This term in DT, year 5 will be learning about eating seasonally. By the end of the unit, we will have adapted, improved and cooked a bolognese dish.
MFL	In French, the children will focus on eating and food. The children will learn key vocabulary, and will learn how to give instructions on how to make food items.

Mandela Class

Find out what we are learning about this half term

English	This half term, Year 6 will be learning how to write a biography and use these skills to write a biography about Charles Darwin at the end of their Science unit on Evolution. Following on from this, we will be writing flashbacks using the Piano as a stimulus to writing our own flashback story. In reading, we will be revising all the key knowledge in answer specific question types in preparation for SATs. We will also be revising key spelling rules and recapping the rules that we find tricky.
Maths	In preparation for SATs, Year 6 will be revising all areas of mathematics to refresh our memories and embed the knowledge and skills that we have learnt over the past few years.
Geography/History	For the first part of the half term, we will be completing our Population unit and carrying out some fieldwork in the local area. After this, we will be learning about Henry VIII and investigate how the dissolution of the monasteries affected our local area.
Science	In Science, Year 6 will continue to learn how to recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. We will also be learning how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.
RE	This half term our focus is on Buddhism and what it means to have a good life.
PE	This half term, the children will continue with their tennis lessons. They will focus on the knowledge and skills required to play a tactical game of tennis.
RSE	This half terms focus is Citizenship. The children will learn about human rights, why education is important and the value of diversity within our society.
DT/ART	In DT, the children will complete the building of their playground structures before moving on to Art where they will begin to complete the formal written aspect of their Arts Award.
MFL	This half term, the French focus will be Le Weekend. The children will learn to ask and talk about regular activities. To say what they don't do. To ask and say what order people do. To talk about what they like/dislike doing.