



# Beechwood Primary School

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## Summer 2 2023

Can you believe it is the last half term of the year already? We still have lots of exciting things happening in school. We look forward to inviting you into school for our learning journeys so that you can see the fantastic work we have done across the year. Year 6 are also going to be going on their residential to London.

This is also the time of year that we will be preparing for our transitions to our new classes (or schools for some pupils). We will keep you updated about any transition news when it is time!



## Dates for your diary

- 6th June- Sports Day (Weather Permitting)
- 12<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> June- Year 6 Residential
- 16<sup>th</sup> June- Class photos
- 19<sup>th</sup> June- Paul Delaney Poetry
- 21<sup>st</sup> June- Rosen Class Assembly (9-9.30)
- 22<sup>nd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June- Learning Journeys (See below)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> July- Year 6 transition days
- 5<sup>th</sup> July- Picasso Class Assembly (9-9.30)
- 7<sup>th</sup> July- Summer Fayre
- 10<sup>th</sup> July- KS2 Performance
- 13<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 music showcase (9 am)
- 14<sup>th</sup> July- Transition meeting (3.30-4pm)
- 18<sup>th</sup> July- Mandela Class Leavers Assembly
- 18<sup>th</sup> July- Leavers Lunch
- 19<sup>th</sup> July- School closes for summer (1.30pm)

## Summer Term Learning Journey

To allow you to keep up to date with your child's progress, we will be hosting another round of Learning Journeys. You will be able to sit with your child as they look through their books and show you all their wonderful work and tell you about the pieces they are most proud of. These will take place in June on the below dates from 9am to 9.30 in the hall.

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Picasso (Rec)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Rosen (Y1)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Attenborough (Y2)
- 27<sup>th</sup> Pankhurst (Y3)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Hawking (Y4)
- 29<sup>th</sup> Malala (Y5)
- 30<sup>th</sup> Mandela (Y6)



### Drama Workshops

This half term, we will be continuing to participate in drama workshops each Wednesday which have been kindly funded by the PTA. The workshops are provided by Helen O'Grady and each class have been participating in workshops linked to their topics in other lessons.



### Paul Delaney Poetry

On the 19<sup>th</sup> June, we will be visited by the fantastic author and poet Paul Delaney. All the children in the school will go to an assembly with him where they will hear him perform some of his poems.

Pupils in key stage 1 will then engage in workshops with him throughout the day where they will work towards writing and performing their own poems.

### Phonics

In June, KS1 pupils will be completing their phonics screening checks. These are annual checks which assess the pupils knowledge of sounds and ability to blend and read words.

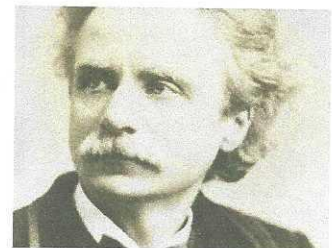
To further support your child at home you can practice reading individual sounds with your child, your child's teacher may also provide sounds and words for you to practice, however the best thing you can do is read: this may be your child reading a book to you or you modelling reading to them. If you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

### Warm Weather

Just a reminder that as the weather gets warmer, pupils will need a hat and a roll on sun cream. Please also ensure that children have their named Beechwood water bottles in school each day. Thank you!

### 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 them each week, for Summer 2 our musician is Edvard Grieg, who you will recognise from a well known advert...



### Year 6 Residential

We are incredibly excited to be taking year 6 to London for their residential this year. Whilst we are there we will be doing plenty of sightseeing: looking at some of the most famous landmarks around London. On the first day we will get to go inside Tower Bridge and walk along the glass walkway above The Thames. On the next day, we are going inside The Houses of Parliament and finally before we go home, we are going to the theatre to watch Frozen live of stage. Whilst we are there, we are going to be spending our nights sleeping on HMS Belfast!

We are all incredibly excited and can't wait to share our adventures with you all.



# Picasso Class

Find out what we are learning about this half term

English	In English this half term, we will be looking at Mr Gumpy's Outing. We will be retelling, innovating and writing our own versions of this book using our phonics knowledge. We will be having a big focus on our capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.
Maths	In Maths this half term we will be enjoying water play whilst implementing new vocabulary in capacity topic. We will then be completing the end of our term by looking at what doubling and halving means with numbers. We will also be focusing hard on our subitising up to 5.
Topic	In topic this half term we will be looking at The History of Me in History. We will be comparing, observing how we have changed and show an understanding of time lines.
Science U+W	As part of our provision this half term, we will be looking at Life Cycles. We will be looking very closely at how animals form and change, with a particular focus on Butterflies and Chicks!
RE	In RE we will be continuing our Special Places. Looking at our world, the environment around us and what places different religions believe to be special and of meaning.
PE	In P.E this half term we will be focusing on our striking and fielding skills. We will be implementing new skills such as batting, hitting at a target and using focused equipment to do so.
DT	In DT we will be making boats and experimenting with what materials may sink in water or what materials float! This links in with our English topic, Mr Gumpy's Outing. I wonder if our boats can carry any passengers?



# Rosen Class

Find out what we are learning about this half term

English	This half term we will start with the continued big focus on phonics, in preparation for the Y1 Phonics checks starting week beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> June. Then we will start the text 'The Disgusting Sandwich' story. We will be learning the text with actions before we innovate the story to make it our own. We will then look at instructional writing and write instructions to make our own disgusting sandwiches.
Maths	This half term we will be looking at time, money and volume, capacity and mass. 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.
Topic	This half term our Geography topic is 'What is it like to live in Shanghai?' We will be using a world map to recognise continents, oceans and countries outside the UK with a focus on China. We will then identify physical features of Shanghai using aerial photographs and maps before identifying human features, through exploring land-use. Finally, we will compare these features to those in the local area and make a simple map using data they have collected through fieldwork
Science	This half term we are focusing on the Crest 'Star awards'. The Star Awards are a great introduction to science problem-solving. The children will learn through hands-on challenges that focus on their everyday lives. The children must complete eight Star activities and record these in their Crest Star passport.
RE	In RE our focus question will be 'What do Hindus believe about God?' We will explore the Hindu concept of one God (Brahman) who can be understood and visualised in many forms. The children will be able to talk about how images of the deities in Hinduism are a visual representation of beliefs about God.
PE	Our final unit in PE is 'Striking and fielding Games skills'. The children will learn basic batting, fielding and bowling skills. They will learn how to run between wickets; of some basic rules and how to work together through good communication.
RSE	This half term's RSE topic focuses on 'Economic wellbeing'. Learning about what money is and where it comes from, how to keep cash safe, the function of banks and building societies, spending and saving and some of jobs roles in schools.
DT	This half term we will be learning about Mechanisms. We will explore that wheels move because they are attached to an axle. The children will then design and make their own moving vehicle with working wheels and axles.

# Attenborough Class

Find out what we are learning about this half term

English	To start the term off the children will focus on our letter writing 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 volume, time and will be continuing to focus on solving word problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
Geography	In Geography, we will be exploring the weather in the UK by looking at where the UK is and looking at the different seasons we experience.
Science	This term we will continue to learn 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 Hinduism. The children will have an opportunity to explore ways in which we respond to things that really matter to us and look at how might people show their devotion?
PE	This term year 2 will focus on netball and field 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 be looking at economic well-being. The children will explore where money comes from and how people make money.
DT	In DT we will be exploring Fairground wheels and looking at how they work. The children will then design their own ferris wheel using a set of design specifications.



# Pankhurst Class

## Find out what we are learning about this half term

English	In our writing, we are going to be doing the traditional tale 'Lazy Jack' and writing our own traditional tale with a focus on using speech punctuation and paragraphs. We will also be doing a brochure style non-fiction text which we will link to our Geography topic.
Maths	In maths, we will be completing our time unit. In year 3, pupils are expected to tell time to the minute using both analog and digital clocks. We will also be measuring and comparing time in minutes, seconds and hours and applying this knowledge to real-life problems. At the end of the term we are having a focus on solving word problems and applying all our knowledge from across the year.
Geography	This half term's topic is 'Where does our food come from?'. We will be exploring where key ingredients grow around the world and the impact of climate and weather on growth. The children will be describing the process of making chocolate and using key geographical skills such as reading maps and calculating distance.
Science	In science, we are learning all about 'light'. We will be investigating different sources of light and exploring how shadows can be made and changed.
RE	This half term, we are looking at Hinduism. We will be posing the question 'Why is family important to Hindu life?'
PE	In PE this half term we will be learning about athletics. We will be taking part in a range of activities including running, throwing and jumping activities. We will be looking at personal bests and trying to beat our own scores.
RSE	Year 3 will be continuing to learn about Economic Well-being, looking at how career choices will influence their economic well-being and how to make good choices with money and the best way to pay for items. They will also be looking at influences and how to stay safe when out and about.
ART	In art this half term we will be creating some Ancient Egyptian scrolls. The children will be working on finding suitable surfaces for drawing and looking at colour, pattern and shapes through observational drawings.
DT	This half term in DT we will be designing and making a toy that uses a pneumatic system. If you have any junk modelling such as cardboard boxes please send these in to use.
MFL	This half term, we will continue to work on the La Famille. The children are continuing to learn how to say and write different members of their families and use some of their previous skills to describe these members of their family too.

# Hawking Class

Find out what we are learning about this half term

English	This half term, the children will work on both letter writing and report writing. The children will use persuasion to write about environmental changes. After this, the children will focus on news paper writing.
Maths	In maths, the children will learn how to read and write Roman Numerals to 100. The children will complete a length unit and then focus on revision of all their learning to apply that knowledge to word problems.
Geography	This half term's topic is 'Where does our food come from?'. We will be exploring where key ingredients grow around the world and the impact of climate and weather on growth. The children will be describing the process of making chocolate and using key geographical skills such as reading maps and calculating distance.
Science	In science, the children will cover the unit on animals including humans. The children will learn the process of digestion and name the different types of teeth inside their mouths.
RE	In RE, the pupils are learning about the Hindu belief of Dharma. We will be reading the story of Rama and Sita and thinking about the roles of good and evil in the story and what this teaches Hindus about how to live.
PE	In years 4/5 the children will take part in crickets lessons whilst the children in 3/4 will develop their athletics skills. Y4/5 -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. Children who require further swimming lessons, will continue to swim weekly.
RSE	Year 4 will be continuing their topic on Economic Well-being, looking at how career choices will influence their economic well-being and how to make good choices with money and the best way to pay for items. They will also be completing the unit on Safety and the Changing body. As part of this, pupils will be introduced to puberty. We will send out more information about this closer to the time.
ART	In art this half term we will be creating some Ancient Egyptian scrolls. The children will be working on finding suitable surfaces for drawing and looking at colour, pattern and shapes through observational drawings.
DT	This half term in DT we will be designing and making a toy that uses a pneumatic system. If you have any junk modelling such as cardboard boxes please send these in to use.
MFL	On mange - Let's eat. Asking for food (introducing more food items), how much it is and giving an opinion (more new vocabulary).



# Malala Class

Find out what we are learning about this half term

English	In our English this half term, we will be focussing on writing a fantasy story. We will be looking at features of fantasy stories and using these in our own writing. We will also recap other genres of writing studied throughout the year.
Maths	In maths, we will complete our learning about position and movement. We will then move on to learning about measurement. We will look at converting units of length, mass and volume and solving word problems. We will be focussing on centimetres, metres, kilometres, grams, kilograms, millilitres and litres.
Geography	This half term's topic is 'Where does our food come from?'. We will be exploring where key ingredients grow around the world and the impact of climate and weather on growth. The children will be describing the process of making chocolate and using key geographical skills such as reading maps and calculating distance.
Science	In science, we will be completing various investigations through our SuperStar Crest Award challenges. We will be reviewing all topics covered this year through practical group and partner work.
RE	This half term, we are looking at Hinduism. We will be posing the question 'What might Hindus learn from stories about Krishna?'
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. Children who require further swimming lessons, will swim weekly.
RSE	In RSE we will learn about safety and the changing body to begin with. We will then move onto our next unit about economic wellbeing.
ART	In art this half term we will be creating some Ancient Egyptian scrolls. The children will be working on finding suitable surfaces for drawing and looking at colour, pattern and shapes through observational drawings.
DT	This half term in DT we will be designing and making a toy that uses a pneumatic system. If you have any junk modelling such as cardboard boxes please send these in to use.
MFL	In French, we will be looking at towns. We will focus on naming places in towns, asking for and giving directions, saying where you are going and giving the time. We will cover aspects of reading, writing, listening and speaking throughout our lessons.



# Mandela Class

Find out what we are learning about this half term

English	This is our final half term where our writing is being assessed so we will be writing lots of different genres to show off all we have learnt.
Maths	We will be keeping our maths brains ticking over by completing maths puzzles and daily skills practice.
Topic	In topic this half term we will be looking at the Dissolution of the Monasteries and how this impacted our local area.
Science	Our topic for this half term is Living things and their habitats. We will be describing how living things are classified into broad groups including: micro-organisms, plants and animals.
RE	In Re, Year 6 will continue to explore the question 'Is life like a journey' through the Hindu faith.
PE	In P.E this half term we will be focusing on athletics where we will be developing our skills on track and field.
RSE	In RSE this half term Year 6 will be looking at Safety and the changing body.
Music	Year 6 will be collating all their learning and rehearsing for their Year 6 music showcase on Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July at 9am. We are looking forward to showing off our amazing musical talents.