



Beechwood Primary School



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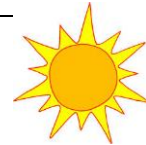
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SAT's - Week 11.05.15

Good luck to our Year Six children as they complete their tests this week. It is vital that Year Six are in every day, refreshed after a good night's sleep and breakfast.

Here comes the sun!

As the weather is improving please make sure that the children come with a hat and school safe water bottle. Sun creams can be applied by the children, but must be roll on.



Forest Schools

This $\frac{1}{2}$ term sees Class 5 taking part in forest schools on a Friday afternoon. Old clothes are essential.

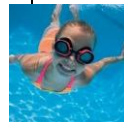
Sports

On May 1st, Years 2 and 4 are set to compete in the Halton Primary School Games. Further details will be given.

PTA

Summer Garden Party

Please support this annual summer event on Sunday 28th June. Check your letter for specific details.



Disco

A date for your diaries - 15th May. Details to follow!

Swimming

Class 4 will be swimming this $\frac{1}{2}$ term on a Wednesday afternoon. Thanks for your continuing support ensuring that the children have their appropriate kits in school.

PE Kits

Please ensure that children have their full kit in school. It should be taken home to be washed on a Friday. Check that trainers still fit! Don't forget hair bobbles!

Think for yourself, care for others.

Class Ones's Topic's

English	This half term our topic is all about growing. We will be reading various fiction and non-fiction books centred around this: 'The very hungry caterpillar', 'Jack and the beanstalk', 'The ugly duckling', 'A tiny seed' etc. We will continue to look at writing in sentences and the key features of a sentence we need to include in our work.
Maths	This half term we will be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Recognising, ordering and writing numbers to 20 and beyond. We will be calculating numbers and working on practical addition and subtraction. We will also be looking at days of the week and routines.
Topic	Our topic this half term is 'growing'. We will be planting seeds and growing plants. We will be making observations and looking at changes and explain why some things occur with plants and animals.
Computing	The children will be learning all about algorithms! We will be using computers and ipads to demonstrate how to programme simple games before the children explore this for themselves.
RE	This half term we will be looking at respect for nature and all life. We will be looking at creation and Noah's ark. We will be developing a respect for nature and a responsible attitude to living things.
PE	This half term we are looking at movement and control using balls, beanbags, quoits etc. Hopefully the weather will be kind and we will be able to work on the field for P.E. We will be looking at why exercise is important for good health and we will be more aware of the changes to the way we feel when we exercise.
PSHCE	This half term we are looking at relationships with each other and feelings. We will be looking at understanding our feelings and how we can manage our feelings. We will be learning to understand the feelings of others and how to make choices with our feelings regarding fair and unfair.
Expressive arts	Again this half term there will be lots of creative opportunities. The children will be helping to set up a garden centre role play area using their creativity and will be making resources to go in there. They will be making flowers, caterpillars, butterflies, frogs using different media.

Class Two's Topic

'What was life like for people in the past?'

English	This half term the children will be focusing on a variety of texts. We will be looking at traditional tales linked to our pantomime visit and will be writing our own extended stories based on these. As part of this we will be looking at extending our sentences using connectives and commas in a list. We will also be exploring information texts about dinosaurs and will look at writing stories with familiar settings.
Maths	In Mathematics we will be learning about: Grouping and sharing; counting, reading and writing number patterns. Doubles and near doubles Fractions Measures, including time Addition and subtraction to 15 We will continue to send Maths Monsters home to help your child learn their number facts.
Topic	This half term our topic focus is both History and Science. We will be learning about the significant changes in people's lives over the past 100 years. The children will look at how schools, homes and transport have changed. As part of this topic the children will be designing, making and evaluating their own vehicle, this covers the DT aspect of the curriculum. In science the children will look at what plants need to grow and will begin to label parts of the plant.
Computing	The children will be learning all about algorithms! We will be using computers and ipads to demonstrate how to programme simple games before the children explore this for themselves.
RE	Parables The children will listen to a variety of stories and begin to think about Jesus as a story teller. We will explore the meaning behind some of the stories Jesus told and think about how we can use this to help us in our own lives.
PE	Games/ Throwing and Catching The children will be looking at ball skills and will be learning how to aim for a target and throw and catch with accuracy. The children will then put these skills into a range of team games including Dodge ball and Tee Ball.
PSHCE	Relationships This half term the children will be thinking about relationships. They will look at people who are special to them and will discuss how we can have good relationships with the children and adults in our class. This half term they will also be introduced to 'Philosophy for Children' - here the children will think about how others feel and begin to ask and answer questions about what they have heard.

Class Three's Topics

Literacy	This half term we are thinking about information texts, non-chronological reports and recounts. The children will be using the weather as a base to research and write about. They will continue to work hard on using their knowledge of keywords and sounds to help with their writing; they will also be encouraged to use conjunctions to join their sentences and questions and exclamations to make their work more interesting. We will be pushing neat handwriting and some children will be using joined up writing as we progress through the term. The children will continue to work on their reading.
Maths	In maths this half term we will be thinking about data handling, shape and measure, this will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and interpreting data on a graph. • Collecting data and using graphs to show the results. • Working out problems using information on graphs. • Knowing the names of 2D and 3D shapes and all of their properties. • Solving problems about shape. • Measuring weight, length and height in standard units e.g. m, cm,
Topic	<p>Lovely Weather!</p> <p>The children will be learning about different climates around the world and how it impacts on us. This will be strongly linked to our Literacy work as the children will be researching and writing a range of reports. They will also get to compare two contrasting localities and perform a range of scientific experiments. The weather allows plenty of artistic activities as they will explore a range of techniques to represent different weather forms.</p> <p>After learning about different climates, the children will be challenged to plan their ideal holiday abroad! Where will they choose?</p>
ICT	<p>Developing ideas and making things happen.</p> <p>This term ICT will be achieved through our topic work. The children will be learning how to use the APPLE Macs to create their own Weather Reports using green screen style filming.</p>
RE	The children will spend this term thinking about Special Places and linking it to why the church building and synagogue are special places for certain people.
PE	<p>Gymnastics</p> <p>During this topic the children will build on the skills they learned in the last unit of gymnastics. They will look at different shapes gymnasts make with their bodies as well as the importance of balance. They will learn to balance and jump from different apparatus and will climb and dismount various apparatus in a safe manner.</p>
PSHCE	<p>New Beginnings</p> <p>In this topic the children will be looking at how they would feel in different situations. They will discuss how to make people feel safe and welcome and how they can help themselves to deal with new situations.</p>

Class Four's Topics

English	In English this half term we will be learning about information texts about pirates and create their own information booklet. The children will explore and discuss adverts. They will find key features of persuasive writing and use these with a twist, to persuade people to buy a derelict house. Using compound and complex sentences the children will then write a persuasive estate agent advert for a pirate ship. The children will also learn about instructions and explanations based around the book <i>The Jolly Rogers</i> . They will learn about features of instruction before going on to write their own for lemon drizzle cake.
Maths	In Maths this half term we will be focusing on addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, time and shape. The children will be looking at adding and subtracting numbers with up to four digits using the efficient written methods. To identify and estimate numbers using different representations. They will learn to write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division. During Shape the children will be asked to identify horizontal, vertical, perpendicular and parallel lines and recognise lines of symmetry in 2D shapes and recognise start to recognise angles. The children will also learn how to recognise, find and write fractions of a discrete set of objects: unit fractions and non-unit fractions with small denominators. Throughout all of these topics the children will be encouraged to solve problems related to these.
Topic	This half term we are focusing on Geography, specifically focusing on France. The Children will study France and its regions on maps. Explore varied French Landscapes through the eyes of tourists, artists and poets. 'Meet' different children from various communes around the country and consider their lives. Taste, cook and write recipes for regional French foods. The children will explore the geographical similarities and differences of the regions through the study of human and physical geography. In art they will study Monet and use his style of art to create their own landscape paintings.
Science	This half term Year 3 will identify light sources and discuss the Sun. Establish that light is reflected off things that we see and that darkness is an absence of light. Make sundials. Look at the transparency of various materials and the shadows they form and make enquiries about shadows.
Computing	This half term the children will learn how to use spreadsheets mainly exploring Excel. They will know where to find and open Microsoft Excel, create tables and learn about the basic functions Excel offers. They will learn how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly.
Music	This year Class 4 will learn how to play the flute. Over this half term they will learn how to play a simple tune, reinforce the note 'G', follow a beat and start to independently read music. They will start to understand the terminology tempo, dynamics and pitch in relation to music.
RE	During this unit the children will continue to exploring the key practices and beliefs in Islam. The children will learn that Allah is the Islamic name for God and that Muslims believe there is one God and that Muhammad is his messenger. They will also learn that the Qur'an is the sacred text for Muslims, and that they believe it is the word of Allah as revealed to Muhammad via the angel Gabriel.
PE	This half term the children will play competitive games, rounder's and cricket. They will start to apply basic principles suitable for striking and fielding as well as hand-eye coordination.
French	This half term the children will explore the patterns and sounds of the language through rhymes and songs. They will start to speak in sentences using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structure. They will broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material. During this term they will also learn how to describe people, places and things orally.
PSHCE	This half term the children will continue to thinking about friendship. We will focus on developing children's knowledge, understanding and skills in three key social and emotional aspects of learning: empathy, managing feelings (with a focus on anger) and social skills.

Class Five's Topics

<p>English</p>	<p>Information Texts In English we are looking at what makes a comprehensive information text. It could take the form of a book, leaflet, article etc. We will be learning about the key features of an information text and applying this to our topic work. We will be investigating the most effective ways to gather information and collate the key facts. No cutting and pasting!</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>In Maths this half term we will continue to consolidate all four written methods. Place value sees us using our decimal number line up to 2 decimal places with practical applications in measuring and money. As we enter the final term, we will be really trying hard to ensure we know our times tables, out of order, up to 12x12. Maths monsters need consistent practise too.</p>
<p>Topic</p>	<p>France This half term we are exploring the cultural and geographical features of France; from rural landscapes to mountain ranges. We hope to sample some traditional French foods and evaluate the work of some famous artists. Science - Earth and Space We will be exploring what lies beyond our own planet and the solar system Earth belongs to. We will be investigating the different planets, along with the power of the sun and the effects of the moon.</p>
<p>Computing</p>	<p>The children will be revisiting 'code'. We will investigate sequencing and commands in order to create simple programs. As well as using code.org, the children will manipulate 'Scratch' and 'Light bot'.</p>
<p>Music</p>	<p>The children will continue with their brass lessons. It is clear to see who is putting in the hours at home! Some children are making super progress reading their music.</p>
<p>RE</p>	<p>Expression of Faith through Art The children will be investigating how people show and reflect their religious beliefs in a diverse number of ways. We will look at paintings, artefacts, dance etc. and consider their religious significance.</p>
<p>PE</p>	<p>Striking and Fielding It's rounders and cricket time of year again. We will look at the key skills involved in these games, practise them and then put what we've learnt into game play. Skills will cover batting, bowling, fielding, catching and tactics! Forest Schools Friday afternoon up until $\frac{1}{2}$ term. Bring your old clothes.</p>
<p>PSHCE</p>	<p>Going for Goals We will be talking about developing positive attitudes and looking at what we can achieve in all aspects of our lives if we try.</p>

Class Six's Topics

Literacy	This half term the children will be working on their written skills for narrative writing, looking at some of the stories from Egypt and writing some of their own narrative pieces too. We will begin by reading a range of stories from other cultures and look at how they are similar or different from stories written in the UK. We will also be writing a range of setting descriptions for Egypt, some in groups and some independently. As the children become more knowledgeable about Egypt we will be asking them to write some short adventure stories based on Egypt as their setting. Spelling will be a focus for this half, so we will be looking at and tested on different spelling rules regularly. The children will be given warning which spelling rule they will be looking at next.
Maths	This half term we will be focusing on the use of counting, partitioning and calculating. This is an area where we will highly focus on word problems and problem solving activities too, meaning that the children will need to use their persistence throughout to ensure that they are completing questions using correct methods. The children will continue to work on their mental calculations and regularly will be tested on their maths monsters which we are hoping the children will excel in even further before the end of year. The children will all continue to be working specifically on their areas of need within targeted small group work and will regularly be set additional tasks - Please support your children to do these too!
Topic	Egypt Our topic this half term will be Ancient Egypt. The children will be looking initially at where Egypt is located and will then be studying the historical elements of mummification, hieroglyphics, farming and the Egyptian calendar. The children will be making their own sand dough in which to carve their hieroglyphics, building their own mummies and pyramids out of various materials and also mummifying different types of fruit! This is going to be a really interesting topic, if you have any items linked to Egypt at home that you wish to share please feel free to bring these in.
Computing	Programming and Control At the beginning of the year we looked at similar aspects of computing by creating our own games. This half term we will be taking this a step further. The children will initially be reminded of some of the steps to use when creating a game using scratch and then will be given the opportunity to design a game of their own choice to create using this programme.
RE	An expression of faith through art Children will be using the 'arts' to discover different aspects of faith. The children will be dancing, painting, acting and singing to help them think about feelings and the surrounding areas of faiths eg Church.
PE	Dance like an Egyptian and Rounders This half term the children will begin by looking at the skills and techniques used in rounders and how they are similar/different from other striking and field games such as cricket. As the weather is now getting warmer we will most likely be outdoor for PE therefore please ensure that your child has full outdoor PE kit and is safely protected from the sun.
PSHCE	New Beginnings As the children will be very shortly moving onto new beginnings, this topic will help them to discuss their transition further and the importance of being themselves. We will discuss how the children are feeling about transition to high school and will give them opportunities to reflect on times at Beechwood too.
Music	Make you feel my love The children will be learning the well-known song by Adele this half term, they will be initially learning to sing this song and then will be continuing to practice reading their musical notation in order to help them play different sections of this song on the glockenspiels. Keep looking at the VLE and twitter for up to date videos of their achievements so far.