



Beechwood Primary School



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Curriculum Update - Issue 65
Summer Term 2016 - 2nd Half
Term

Goodbye Year 6!

Where has the time gone?

Our fantastic Year 6 children will be leaving us this half term. Although we are going to miss them we recognise that they are more than ready for their move to high school. We would like to wish them every success as they embark on this new and exciting journey.

We would also like to say bye to Miss Wensley, who has completed her teaching placement with Class 4. We would like to wish her every success in the future.

Dates for your diary

Summer Bingo - 29th June

Run for fun - 6th July

EYFS Learning Journey - 11th July 9-9.30

KS2 Performance- 11th July 2pm & 6pm

Y1/2 Learning Journey - 12th July 9-9.30

Y4/5 Learning Journey - 13th July 9-9.30

Y3/4 learning Journey - 14th July 9-9.30

Y6 Learning Journey - 15th July 9-9.30

Disco - 15th July

Transition Meeting - 12th July 3.30

Sports Day- 18th July 9.30am

Y6 Leavers assembly - 20th July

School Closes for Summer 21st July

PE Kits

Please ensure that your child brings their full PE kit into school on a Monday. Kits will be sent home with the children on Friday to be washed. Please check your child has spare socks in their bag, a hair bobble (for any child with long hair) and trainers that fit!

Forest Schools

This half term the children in Year 6 will have their final Forest School Sessions with us. Mrs Forshaw will deliver the sessions. Dates will be sent out on a letter.

Don't forget waterproofs!

Swimming

Swimming lessons will continue for the children in Class 4. Please ensure that the children have their appropriate kits in school. Remember, one-piece girls swim suits and fitted swim shorts for boys.

PTA

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter, @ptabeechwood to keep up to date on all that is happening.

Think for yourself, care for others.

Reception - Traditional tales

Literacy	This half term the children will be retelling many different traditional tales, the ones we will focus on mainly will be Goldilocks and the three bears, Jack and the beanstalk, Cinderella, the three little pigs and the Gingerbread man. The children will also be considering different endings to the stories or altering part of the story. For example we will be considering what else could be at the top of the beanstalk if Jack hadn't found a giant. We will also be writing letters to the characters, or from the characters and will be looking at descriptions again in the form of a missing person poster for the gingerbread man.
Mathematics	The children will continue to be working on solving problems including doubling, halving and sharing. We will also start looking at counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and estimating how many items we can see. We will use various items around the classroom to measure how big our feet are and compare the size of our feet to the other children in our class and try to solve problems based on this.
Physical development	Our afternoon topic will be mini beasts so the children will consider how the different bugs move around and will develop their control over different equipment whilst digging for insects.
Understanding the world	The children will have the opportunity to learn about and observe different mini beasts, we will look at the life cycle of a butterfly and a frog and discuss the changes that they can see. We also continue to observe the changes that are happening around us in terms of the flowers and plants that are in our planters and allotment area.
Communication and language	We will be reading many traditional tale stories which will provide many opportunities to anticipate the events that may happen and to ask and answer questions relevant to the story. The children will also develop their speaking skills by acting out stories.
Personal and social	This half term the children will have the opportunity to think about how the different characters in the stories may have felt and discuss how we know this. For example the bears when Goldilocks broke in, the gingerbread man when he was being chased and the three pigs when their houses were getting blown down.
Expressive arts and design	The children will be able to get in the role play area this half term and act out the various stories we will be reading. There will be porridge for the children to explore, leaves, twigs and stones for the children to build houses with and gingerbread man for the children to decorate.

Class Two's Topics

English	This half term, the children will be using the Rio Olympics as inspiration for a wide range of writing including; writing a persuasive advert for Brazil, fact sheets for how to be a successful athlete and instructions for making a variety of healthy meals. We will also continue to develop our reading comprehension by looking a little deeper into the texts and identifying what tricks and techniques the author has used.
Maths	<p>This half term, the children will be working on measures. They will become familiar with telling the time, answering questions on length, weight and capacity and begin to use strategies to help them solve problems involving measures.</p> <p>We will also be looking at shape and children will have the opportunity to work on a number of shapes and become more familiar with naming, recognising and taking about the properties of 2DE and 3D shapes.</p>
Topic	Rio 2016 is only weeks away and will offer lots of learning opportunities for the children including researching about Brazil and comparing its similarities and differences to England, finding out about the rainforests and also taking a leap back in history to find out about the Ancient Olympics. The children will present their information and research in a variety of ways including ICT, role plays, songs and verbal presentations. Keep your eyes on Twitter!
RE	The children will be learning some more information about Parables this half term as they think about some deeper meanings in stories such as the Prodigal Son and what lessons we can learn from it in our own lives.
PE	Continuing our Olympic theme, the children will continue to develop their Athletics skills including running, javelin, shot put and long jump. The Year 2 children have a head start so will now be taking the lead during lessons and 'coaching' the Year 1 children, ready for the annual Sports Day.
PSHCE	This half term the children will continue to develop their Growth Mindsets, by tackling all activities with a new 'Can do!' attitude. They will recognize how mistakes are ok and a way to help learning move forward as they are challenged with a range of tasks in class. We all want to be a genius!

Class Three's Topics

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Maths	<p>This half term, the children will be putting all of their number skills to the test by tackling a wide range of problems to solve. They will need to think about what a problem is asking and figuring out the best methods to solve them. They will also be explaining to their peers how they have done it...hopefully some mini teachers in the making!</p> <p>New activities and games have been set on I am Learning and My Maths related to this half terms topics. Please encourage your child to work through them over the next month or so.</p>
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Maths	In maths, our focus for this half term will be fractions, shape and measures. We will begin by revisiting equivalent fractions before moving on to adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator within one whole. In Shape, we will learn to measure perimeter and will also look at the properties of 3d shapes. Throughout our measures unit the children will learn to solve problems related to: Time, capacity, weight and length.
Topic	Our topic focus this half term continues with America. We will learn about the distribution of population across the USA and factors that affect this pattern and compare it to the UK. We will also be exploring the differing climates across the USA and UK.
Science	In science we will continue to explore magnets and forces. This will include looking at push and pulls forces and different types of forces that can act on an object. We will compare how things move on different surfaces and investigate the speed of a different items overs a variety of surfaces.
Computing	In computing we be using a programme called scratch. Progressing from looking at algorithms we will design and create our own computer games. After which, we will evaluate and edit.
Music	In music this term the children will continue to practise their brass instrument. The children will begin to learn how to read musical notation and will look at performing as part of a group.
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Year Four's Topics

English	<p><u>Unfortunate Events</u></p> <p>We will continue to read through <i>A Series of Unfortunate Events</i> and find out whether the Baudelaire orphans can escape Count Dracula's evil plan. We will be designing and explaining our own invention to the Sunny and will work hard to produce a story that includes direct speech, punctuated correctly.</p>
Maths	<p>In maths, we will be applying all of the understanding and the new skills that we have acquired this year to more challenging word problems. We will develop our problem solving approach and learn to persist with a challenge. We will also recap measurement; focusing particularly on time and converting between analogue, 12-hour and 24-hour clock.</p>
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Science	<p><u>Living things</u></p> <p>In science we will continue to explore living things and their habitats. Now that we have developed our knowledge of how living things are classified, we can start to apply this; designing our own creatures to fit into a certain group. We will also move on to study microorganisms and the role they can play in an environment.</p>
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Music	<p>This Term Class 5 will continue to either learn the flute or play in the orchestra. They will perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians. They will also learn how to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others.</p>
PE	<p>This half term the children will develop strength, balance, control and through cricket and rounders. We will practise how to bowl with increasing accuracy, catch. We will also look at the rules for quick cricket and rounders.</p>
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English	<p><u>Kensuke's Kingdom</u></p> <p>In English, we will continue to read Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. This tells the story of a boy whose parents decide to sail around the world. However, one stormy night, while Michael is on look out duty, he falls over board. Washed up on an island in the Pacific, Michael struggles to survive on his own. With no food and no water, he curls up to die. When he wakes there is a plate of fish and water next to him. He realises he is not alone. Will Michael survive this ordeal and get off the island? During this half term we will look at writing a balanced argument and will be working on our story writing skills, particularly focusing on how to build suspense.</p>
Maths	<p>In maths, we will be applying all of the understanding and the new skills that we have acquired this year to more challenging word problems. We will develop our problem solving approach and learn to persist with a challenge. We will also recap measurement; focusing particularly on time and converting between kilograms and grams and millimetres, centimetres and metres.</p>
Topic	<p>We will be continuing with our topic of America for our final half-term of the year. We will research different areas of the USA and plan a trip looking at the attractions, time difference, landscape etc. We will also look at South America, comparing it to the regions of North America that we have studied, and focus particularly on Brazil and the upcoming Olympics.</p>
Science	<p>In science we will look at a range of different forces: gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. We will develop an understanding of balanced and unbalanced forces and their effects. Investigate how mechanisms, like levers, pulleys and gears, help us to use smaller forces.</p>
Music	<p>This Term Class 5 will continue to either learn the flute or play in the orchestra. They will perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians. They will also learn how to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others.</p>
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Year Six's Topics

English	<p>The Highwayman</p> <p>We will be using the Highwayman video this half term to focus our writing around. The children will be looking at the different emotions the video conveys and will also begin to create their own descriptive piece about one of the characters. We will look at writing newspaper reports to identify the mysterious character and will also work on recounts/diary entries from the video.</p>
Maths	<p>In maths this half term we will be focusing on problem solving, we will be using our growth mind-sets to find more than one method to find the answers, looking at how when we persist there are an array of methods which can be used. We will then discuss our opinions on each method and then develop further our mathematical knowledge.</p>
Science	<p>Living things</p> <p>In science we will continue to explore living things and their habitats. Now that we have developed our knowledge of how living things are classified, we can start to apply this; designing our own creatures to fit into a certain group. We will also move on to study microorganisms and the role they can play in an environment.</p>
Topic	<p>USA</p> <p>We will be continuing with our topic of America for our final half-term of the year. We will research different areas of the USA and plan a trip looking at the attractions, time difference, landscape etc. We will also look at South America, comparing it to the regions of North America that we have studied, and focus particularly on Brazil and the upcoming Olympics.</p>
Computing	<p>Animation</p> <p>The children will be continuing with their understanding of stop motion animation using both the Lego and The Highwayman as a stimulus. The children will be taking photographs and adding text, transitions and music to their work.</p>
Music	<p>Sound Start</p> <p>The children will continue to practise a range of skills during their music lessons, they will work on developing their skills playing as a band where different instruments play different parts of the music. The children will be given the opportunity to play at The Foundry on Tuesday 28th June, we hope to see you there.</p>
PE	<p>Athletics</p> <p>This half term the children will be preparing for sports day and developing their skills in a number of areas of athletics we will be looking at running, throwing and jumping techniques.</p> <p>Forest Schools</p> <p>This half term the children will be embarking on their final sessions of forest schools at Beechwood, they will be learning about how to light fires, making foods on the fires and participating in a range of challenges, don't forget your forest school clothing (dates have been sent on another letter)</p>
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PSHCE	<p>Our PSHCE topic is changes this half term, we will look at some of the changes we will encounter and the changes/transitions to high school too.</p>