

Holly 2 Curriculum Newsletter - Spring 2



Welcome back to school. I hope you all had a restful break!. The children have come back, as always, very enthused! We have a fantastic half term ahead of us!

Learning Journey!

As you know we aim to base much of our learning each half term around a question. This half term our question is "How did that get in my lunch-box?"

Brilliant Beginning:

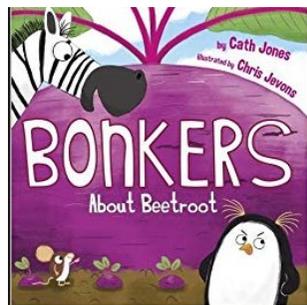
Earlier this week the children were introduced to our question and were encouraged to discuss and try the variety of foods. The children were asked to jot down their first thoughts, about where different foods might come from.

As an introduction to this question the children were invited to make a healthy sandwich, concentrating hard on following instructions.

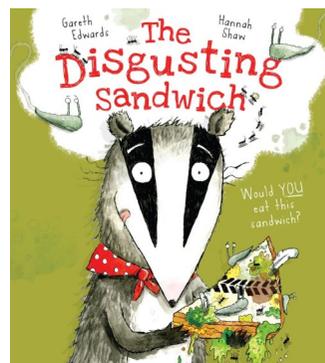


English

This half term we will be studying 2 new texts "Bonkers about Beetroot" and "The Disgusting Sandwich" alongside Traditional Tales.



We will be learning how to follow written instructions and how to write instructions for others to follow. These will include instructions for making a sandwich, making soup, making bread and how to plant and care for a seed.



Maths

We are going to continue our work on multiplication and division this half term and aim to move on to fractions. We will also be using maths skills across the curriculum, for example when measuring ingredients for cooking.

"Children have the right to an education that should develop each child's personality, talents and abilities to the fullest."
Article 29—United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child

MARVELLOUS ME!

Thank you to everyone who is using Marvellous Me. I am planning to send more badges / achievements as we progress through this half term. Although you can't reply to the messages it is really helpful if you could send a High 5! That way I know that you have seen an important message—I wouldn't want you to miss a celebration assembly!

Reading

Children who enjoy reading regularly thrive in their learning and therefore children are asked to read with an adult for at least 10 minutes everyday to rehearse this skill and develop a love of reading. This could be school books, as well as your own reading books.

Please sign your child's reading record **daily** and help your child to remember to bring them everyday. We really value your comments.



PE

We will have PE lessons twice per week so please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school every day. Please also ensure that their PE kit is **fully named**. **Please could you make sure that all children have full PE kit including warm bottoms and tops as we plan to continue with OUTDOOR GAMES whilst the weather permits.**

Children who have recently had their ears pierced should cover them with tape, **but once they have healed they must not wear earrings for any PE lessons. We are not allowed to help the children take their earrings out so if they cannot do this by themselves please ensure earrings are not worn to school.**

Home Learning

Home learning this half term will focus mainly on our project. Homework is sent out on a Friday and should be back in by Wednesday. Tasks will also focus on basic maths and SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) skills.

I will continue to add spellings to children's Reading Records so that they are with the children daily.

Art and Design:

In Art we will be exploring the skills of printing and colour mixing. We will think about how we can use different tools to mark make. We will use these skills to create a piece of art work.

Design and Technology:

We will be designing and making soup. We will be learning the skill of cutting vegetables safely.

Science

In science we will be looking at a variety of plants and describing their basic structure. We will also think about what plants need in order to grow. We will be planting seeds and discussing the changes as they grow.

Resilience and Perseverance:

Your children LOVE a challenge!!

There will be some "quizzes" during the run up to SATs which your children always approach with perseverance and enthusiasm. I'm sure the smelly stickers help too! The quizzes will focus on SPaG skills, maths and reading comprehension. If you have any questions at all about SATs then please speak to me at parents evening. If you would like any guidance on how to help your child at home I will be very happy to talk through individual targets.

Curriculum Enrichment

From debates and drama in English to fully immersive experiences in our topic lessons we will ensure that a variety of creative opportunities are available for the children to access.

PSHCE

The children will be following the PSHE programme of study, Jigsaw. This half term the focus is "Healthy Me", which again fits nicely with our Learning Journey where we can explore how to keep healthy and the importance of a healthy diet.

Music

In music we will be creating a musical story by adding instruments to a traditional tale. The children will be exploring rhythm and dynamics to engage the listener.

If you would like to come in and talk about any of our learning this term then please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

Mrs Goodfellow.