



Holly 2 Curriculum Newsletter - Summer 2



Welcome back to Bearwood. The children worked so hard last half term and I am so proud of them all. I am really excited about continuing our learning journey together.

Learning Journey!

As you know we aim to base much of our learning each half term around a question. We are going to continue our question from last half term **"Can I use this again?"** for a few weeks and then we will start a new topic **"What secrets does my town hold?"**.

Can I use this again?

We are having a visit from Wessex Water who will help us think about how we use water and how we can conserve water. The children will also begin to consider what we flush down our toilets and where it ends up!

"What secrets does my town hold?". This learning journey will have a historical focus and we will be comparing the beach now and in the past. We will use this information to consider how sea-side holidays now compare to the past.

Spellings and Grammar

We have now learnt all of the grammar and punctuation rules for Year 2 and so will spend this half term consolidating our learning. A lot of our time this half term will be spent ensuring we know the Year 2 tricky words.

Year 2 Common Exception Words

after	child	every	half	move	plant	whole
again	children	everybody	hold	Mr	poor	who
any	Christmas	eye	hour	Mrs	pretty	wild
bath	class	fast	improve	old	prove	would
beautiful	climb	father	kind	only	should	
because	clothes	find	last	parents	steak	
behind	could	floor	man	nose	sugar	

English

To begin with we will be writing a report about the plastic pollution in the ocean. This follows our letters to Sir David Attenborough at the end of the last half term. We will then move on to looking at a variety of Katie Morag stories!



This will involve a lot of description work with settings and characters leading to the possibility of writing our own Katie Morag stories.



We will continue our learning on non-fiction writing by producing a holiday information fact-sheet all about Bournemouth!

"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 their 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.



Maths

I am so pleased to say that almost every child can now tell the time! We will be consolidating our knowledge of 3D shapes this half term and will then be moving on to look at measurement (including money, length, mass, volume and capacity).

Lots of this learning will be carried out outside (weather permitting) as our Key Stage 1 area has been improved.

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.** 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.**

This half term we will be having sessions with Coach James focussing on ball skills. We are also very excited to be having cricket sessions!

Home Learning

Homework is sent out on a Friday and should be back in by Wednesday. We will continue to provide learning opportunities linked to our classroom work to practise and rehearse at home.

Art and Design:

In Art we will be exploring the skill of sketching and shading. We will think about how we can use different pencils to shade in different ways. We will use these skills to create a piece of art work based on Bournemouth beach.

Design and Technology

We are hoping to carry out some weaving this half term and may design a new kilt for Katie Morag!



Science

In science we will be looking at different materials and looking at different everyday objects and looking at which materials they are made from.



We will be conducting fair tests to identify the best material for a particular purpose.

We will also be re-visiting our work on plants and habitats to consolidate our learning in this area.

Resilience and Perseverance:

Your children LOVE a challenge!!

We will be continuing with our weekly spelling tests and our weekly times table tests. Children all know which times table they are working on. Once they have achieved full marks for 3 weeks in a row, they will receive their band and move on to the next one.

PSHCE

The children will be following the PSHE programme of study, Jigsaw, which focuses on changes this half term.

Curriculum Enrichment

This half term we will be having a visit from Wessex Water, Life Education and the RNLI. As part of our topic 'What secrets does my town hold?' we are planning a trip to the beach and the Russell Coates museum.

Music

In music we will be using our voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and rhymes. We will be playing tuned and untuned instruments musically, ensuring that we can keep a steady beat.

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