

Holly 2 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn 1

Welcome back to a brand new term at Bearwood. We hope that you had a fantastic fun filled summer holiday and that the children are keen to get started on their new learning. This newsletter is to let you know about all of the exciting things that the children will be learning in Holly 2 over the next half term.

Learning Journey!

At Bearwood we focus on a Learning Journey each half term. This half term our question is "What's hiding in there?" We will be covering the following subjects through this project:

English

This half term we are studying the book *Superworm*. In our reading lessons we will be concentrating on the skills of prediction and retrieval to deepen our understanding of the text. During our writing lessons we will be creating character descriptions and writing our own version of the story.

We are also focusing on structuring our sentences correctly and including expanded noun phrases in our work.

I'm sure the children will be talking to you about our story mapping where they will be learning the stories off by heart.



Spelling

Weekly spellings will be sent home and we will be learning a new rule each week. We are also beginning to learn the rules for adding suffixes and will start with chopping! For example "hope" becomes "hoping".

Science

To link with our learning journey, we will be looking at Living things and their habitats. The children will be learning about life cycles and will understand how different animals are suited to different habitats.



Art

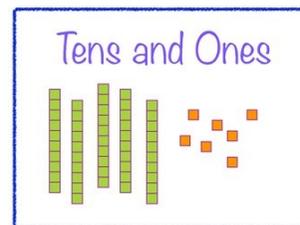
Within our art lessons this half term we will be studying the work of Andy Goldsworthy. This follows on from the summer holiday learning and fits nicely with our project.



The children will have a go at re-creating some of Andy Goldsworthy's work.

Maths

In maths we will be learning about place value this half term and developing a deeper understanding of numbers by carrying out investigations and solving problems.



"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 has signed up to *Marvellous Me*. I am really looking forward to sending you updates on your children's learning and achievements. Don't worry if you haven't signed up, there is still time!

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 reading their own books.

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

We will continue the raffle tickets for regular reading!



PE

We will have 2 PE lessons every week so please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school every day. Please also ensure that their PE kit is **fully named**.

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. Please provide your children with tape and show them how to use it as we are not able to help with this.**

With Sports Day fast approaching we will be focusing on the skills needed for these events.

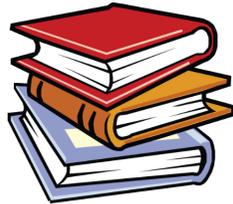
Holly 2 Class Charter

Each year the children work together to agree how they will work together within the classroom. In class we have discussed that the children all have the right to an education (as set out in the UNCR— Article 29) and the children chose a number of responsibilities that they, and the members of staff in the class, need to do in order to allow all children their right to learn.

We have the right to learn!

We need to:

- Look after the things in our classroom.
- Have kind hands and feet.
- Listen when other people are talking.
- Try our best in everything we do.



WHAT'S HIDING IN THERE?

Towards the end of this half term we will be inviting our parents and carers to visit Holly 2 to showcase our Learning Journey.

More details to follow.

Curriculum Enrichment

From many outdoor learning experiences, art, drama and role play; we will ensure that a variety of creative opportunities are available for the children to access.

We also plan to visit the Kingfisher Barn to enrich our learning for this half terms' project.



PSHCE

The children will be following the PHSCE programme of study, Jigsaw. This half term the focus is 'Being me in my World'. This unit focusses on understanding their place in the class, school and global community.

Home Learning

This half term I will be sending home a "Home Learning Pack". This will have a variety of home learning projects / tasks within it. I recognise that there will be some weekends with less time available and some weekends with more. I would like the children to complete the pack by half term. This gives you much more freedom to manage the time needed. You may decide to complete 3 tasks in one week and have a break the following week for example. The home learning will draw on basic skills and our current project and I will never send home anything that we haven't covered in class. In addition I will be setting weekly tasks on Mathematics and weekly spellings. Spelling tests are on Wednesdays.

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