



Holly 2 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn 2



Welcome back; I hope that you had a restful half term. 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 "How did that happen?" We will be covering the following subjects through this project:

English

This half term we will be studying "The Magic Finger" and "How to Trap a Dragon". In our reading lessons we will be concentrating on the skills of prediction and inference to deepen our understanding of the text. During our writing lessons we will be creating instructions, writing letters and focussing on descriptive language.

We will also be mastering the structure of sentences. I'm sure the children will enjoy telling you about our books.

Spelling

Weekly spellings will be sent home and we will be learning a new rule each week. All spellings are tested on a Monday and will be added to Spelling Shed in plenty of time to practice at home.

Science

To link with our learning journey, we will be looking at materials. There may be the opportunity to make Ooblek so that we can see how materials change with bending, stretching and twisting.

Art, craft, DT and music

Within our art lessons this half term we will be creating some amazing dragon eyes. We will also be learning the craft of paper weaving.

Towards the end of the half term we will be designing and making a product to sell at the Christmas Fayre. As well as songs for the Christmas Show we will be learning to play instruments through our music unit Ho, Ho, Ho!

Maths

In maths we will be learning how to add and subtract 2 digit numbers. As always, we will be teaching these concepts through a range of fluency, reasoning and problem solving tasks.

*"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. This is where you will find your child's weekly spellings amongst a host of other information.

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. Children who don't manage to read at home at least 4 times a week will join me in reading club during Friday break-time. 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**. For outdoor PE we will be focussing on invasion games and for indoor sessions we will be doing gymnastics.

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.

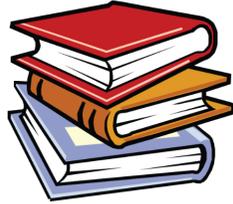
Holly 2 Class Charter

Each year the children work together to agree how they will work within the classroom. In class we have discussed that the children all have the right to an education (as set out in the UNCRC—Article 29). 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.



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.

PSHCE

The children will be following the PSHE programme of study, Jigsaw. This half term the focus is "Celebrating Difference". We are exploring the magic of being special and being different and the children are very articulate in expressing their views on this.

As well as completing our Phizifit challenges each week we will also take part in relaxing yoga sessions using Cosmic Kids Yoga.

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 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. In addition I will be setting weekly tasks on mathematics and weekly spellings. Spelling tests are on Mondays.

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.

THE
CHRISTMAS
SHOW 2019

WHAT'S HIDING IN THERE?

Towards the end of this half term we will be inviting our parents and carers in to enjoy our Christmas performance. More details to follow.