

# Holly 1 Curriculum Newsletter - Spring 2



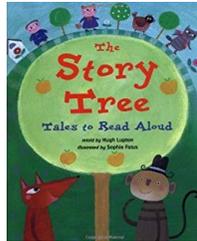
Welcome back to a new half term at Bearwood. We hope that you had a fantastic fun filled half term and that the children are keen to get started on their new learning journey. This newsletter is to let you know about all of the exciting things that the children will be learning in Holly 1 over the next half term.

## Learning Journey!

At Bearwood we focus on a Learning Journey each half term. This half term our question is "How do we understand each other?". We will be covering the following subjects through this project:

## English

This half term we are studying the traditional tale of 'Monkey - See Monkey - Do'. Our learning will begin with the children using their reading skill of prediction to predict what this tale may be about. As the children become familiar with this traditional tale, they will join in with predictable phrases which will build up to them creating their own version of the tale but changing key events.



We will continue to focus on using our phonics to help us in our writing, together with applying the tricky words we are learning. We will continue to focus on using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces correctly as well beginning to read and use words containing suffixes. The children will also build on their knowledge of question and exclamation marks and will be encouraged to use these in their writing.

**Science** This half term we will be learning about animals including humans which will link with our Australian project. The children will be identifying a variety of common animals including, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. They will also be learning about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. By the end of this unit, the children will be able to describe the structure of common animals.



## Geography

This half term the children will be learning about Australia. They will be comparing the similarities and differences between human and physical features of Australia and the UK. Within this project, the children will also learn about the seven continents.



## Art

Linking with our learning about Australia, the children will be comparing the work of two famous Aboriginal artists, Judy Watson Napangardi who uses lines in her artwork and Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri who uses dots. The children will have the opportunity to create artwork in the style of both of these artists. At the end of this unit, the children will then choose to create a final piece of Aboriginal artwork using the technique of one of these artists.



## Maths

In maths we will be continuing to learn how to add and subtract one and two digit numbers to 20, including 0. We will also begin to look at multiplication and division solving one step problems using concrete and pictorial resources.

"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**

## 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. 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 to school everyday. We are currently working hard to earn our reading miles to Tokyo and each time you read with your child and sign their reading record, they earn a reading mile for our class.



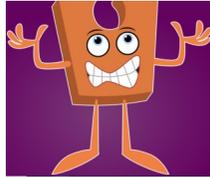
## PE

We 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.

## PSHCE

We will continue to follow the PSHCE programme of study, Jigsaw. This half term the focus is 'Healthy Me.'



## Holly 1 Class Charter

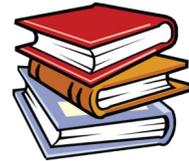
At the beginning of the year, the children discussed and agreed on how they would work together within the classroom. Please remind your child of our class charter and discuss with them how they meet their promises each day at school.

**We have the right to learn!**

**We promise to:**

- Listen to our friends.
- Be kind to everyone.
- Follow instructions first time, every time.
- Show respect to adults, our friends and our classroom.
- Always try our best.

**This will help us to be happy and have fun!**



## Curriculum Enrichment

The children will be provided with a variety of creative learning opportunities, such as outdoor learning experiences, art and drama.

Half way through this learning journey, we will be visited by The Creature Teachers who will bring along some animals for us to get 'hands on' with. This will build on our learning about animals including humans in science as well as enhancing our understanding of Australian animals.



## Home Learning

This half term I will continue to send home spellings and maths activities. These will be sent home every other Monday and will be set on 'Spelling Shed' and 'Maths Shed.'



## MARVELLOUS ME!

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to Marvellous Me. I really look 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!

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

We are really looking forward to another fun filled half term in Holly 1!

