



# Holly 2 Curriculum Newsletter - Spring 2



Welcome back; I hope that you had a lovely half term and that the children are relaxed and ready for this term's learning.

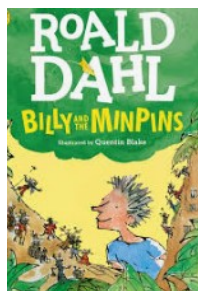
## Learning Journey!

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

As Roald Dahl seems a firm favourite with this class we will be studying his final book 'Billy and the Minpins'. In our reading lessons we will be concentrating on our comprehension skills to deepen our understanding of the text. During writing lessons we will be creating reports and new chapters. Later this term we will look at 'Meerkat Mail' and will create our own letters and fact-files.

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. Please complete the games on Spelling Shed as this will have a positive impact on your child's writing.

## Science

To link with our learning journey, we will be looking at animals including humans. We will build on our knowledge of what all animals need to survive and stay healthy as well as being able to identify and describe some life cycles.

## Geography

Children in Year 2 need to be able to name the 7 continents. We will be learning these and taking a closer look at Australia through art and also Africa through our text 'Meerkat Mail'.



## Maths

In maths we will be moving on to fractions, shape and time. If your child has a watch, please encourage them to wear it to school. In Year 2, we need to be able to tell the time to the nearest 15 mins. We will continue with our times tables tests as we need to be fluent in 2s, 5s and 10s this year. As always, we will be teaching these concepts through a range of fluency, reasoning and problem solving tasks.

## Art

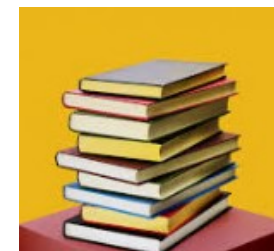
This half term we will be able to recognise art from Australia and will be taking a closer look at Aboriginal Art. We will learn the techniques of cross-hatching and dot painting and will apply these skills to our own work. We will also analyse work by Queenie McKenzie, a very talented aboriginal artist.



## 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 their as own reading books.

Please sign your child's reading record **daily** and help your child to remember to bring them to school 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 to have this opportunity.



## PE

We will have 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**. This half term we will be completing our unit on gymnastics and 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**. Please provide your children with tape and show them how to use it as we are not able to help with this.

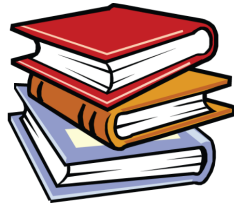
## Holly 2 Class Charter

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.



## How do we understand each other?

Towards the end of this half term we will be inviting our parents and carers in to enjoy some of our learning. 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 have an 'Around the World' drama workshop coming up and also an exciting visit from The Creature Teachers to look forward to.

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

## PSHCE

The children will be following the PSHE programme of study, Jigsaw. This half term the focus is 'Healthy Me'.

## RE

Our enquiry this half term is "How important is it to Christians that Jesus came back to life after His crucifixion?".

## Home Learning

Home Learning this half term will focus on the Core subjects and will either be a maths or reading activity. The activities will draw on basic skills covered in class. Please support your child to complete the tasks independently. In addition, spellings are set on Spelling Shed for a weekly test plus we have a weekly times table test where the children can begin to earn their bands.

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.