

# Holly 1 Curriculum Newsletter - Spring 1

Welcome back to a brand 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.

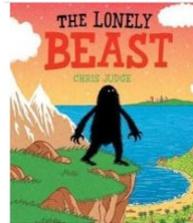
## Learning Journey!

At Bearwood we focus on a Learning Journey each half term. This half term our question is "What does it mean to have strength?" We will be covering the following subjects through this project:

## English

This half term we are studying the book 'The Lonely Beast' by Chris Judge. Our learning will begin with the story being found in the mud with a note addressed to Holly 1 asking for our help. In our reading lessons we will be concentrating on the skills of prediction and inference when answering questions based around the story. When we are familiar with the story, in our writing lessons we will plan a party for The Lonely Beast and his new friends.

We will be focusing 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.



## Science

This half term we will be learning about everyday materials. The children will be identifying, analysing and testing the properties of different materials. They will also be working scientifically when testing which materials would make the best umbrella for our class bear Phoebe. The children will also work scientifically when exploring the properties of Oobleck.



## History

This half term the children will be learning about The Great Fire of London. The children will be exploring artefacts as well as analysing the similarities and differences between London and our fire service now and then.



## DT

Linking with our learning about The Great Fire of London, the children be making bread. Initially, the children will be given the ingredients to make bread with no prior teaching. They will need to predict what the ingredients they are given might make and then test out this prediction. After learning about how to make bread, the children will then have the opportunity to design, make and evaluate a tasty bread roll. The children will also learn about the famous chef Nadia Hussain.



## Maths

In maths we will be continuing to learn how to add and subtract one and two digit numbers to 20, including 0. The children will also represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20 as well as solving one step addition and subtraction 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 (UNCRC).**

## 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 own reading books.

Please sign your child's reading record **daily** and help your child to remember to bring them 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 wears their full PE kit in school on our PE days. Please also ensure that their PE kit is **fully named**.

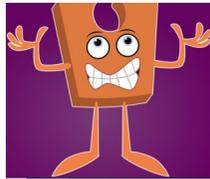


Children who have recently had their ears pierced should cover them with tape, **but once they have healed they must not wear earrings for any PE lessons. Please provide your children with tape and show them how to use it as we are not able to help with this.**

We will continue to do Forest Schools every other Friday.

## PSHCE

We will continue to follow the PHSCE programme of study, Jigsaw. This half term the focus is "Dreams and goals."



## Holly 1 Class Charter

Each year the children discuss and agree how they will work together within the classroom. During our transition day, we discussed that all children have the right to an education as set out in the UNCRC Article 29. We thought about the things we need to do to make Holly 1 a happy, fun and safe place to be and from this devised our class charter.

### Holly 1 Class Charter

*We promise to:*

- ❖ Listen and follow instructions first time.
- ❖ Listen and show respect to our friends.
- ❖ Always be kind.
- ❖ Put our hands up to talk in class.
- ❖ Stay healthy.
- ❖ Look after equipment in class and around school.
- ❖ Help others whenever we can.
- ❖ Always try our best.

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



## Curriculum Enrichment

The children will be provided with a variety of creative learning opportunities, such as outdoor learning experiences, DT, drama and role play during this learning journey.

The children will be designing, making and evaluating bread rolls later this half term.



## Home Learning

This half term I will continue setting Phonics Home Learning on Purple Mash for your child to complete at home. This learning will support the children to apply their learning in school at home.

This Home Learning will be set on a Monday and will be due in on the following Monday. Your child's Purple Mash login can be found in the front of their Reading Record.



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!

Miss Pike

