



Holly 2 Curriculum Newsletter - Spring 1



Welcome back; I hope that you had a restful Christmas break. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the lovely cards and gifts and to wish you a Happy New Year!

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 will be studying "The Dragon Machine" and "Vlad and the Great Fire of London". 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 writing narratives, diary entries and letters whilst focussing on descriptive language.

We will also be mastering the structure of sentences as well as learning about different sentence types including the use of question marks and exclamation marks. 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.

Spellings will also be available weekly on Spelling Shed and children have their log-ins available in reading records.

Science

To link with our learning journey, we will be looking at materials. We will learn about the suitability of different materials as well as investigating how materials can change shape through bending, squashing, stretching and twisting.

History

Children in Year 2 study an event beyond living memory to help develop their sense of chronology. This half term we will be looking in depth at The Great Fire of London in 1666. We will learn why the event is significant in today's world and will also discover more information about our Capital City.



Maths

In maths we will be learning how to subtract 2 digit numbers and will then move on to multiplication and division. 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 own reading books.

Reading books are changed weekly to ensure that children have time to practise the new words in their books and to become fluent before moving on.

PE

We will have 2 PE lessons every week and children will continue to come to school in PE kits on those days. This half term we will be completing our unit on dance.

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.**

Our PE days this half term are Tuesday and Thursday.

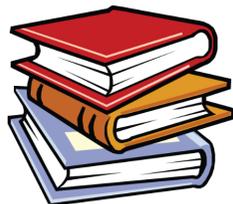
Holly 2 Class Charter

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) 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.



Forest School!

Forest School will continue for Holly 2 every other Friday afternoon. Our first session is on Friday 7th January. Please provide clothes that are suitable for messy outdoor use as Forest School will still go ahead in the rain and mud!

Trainee Teacher

This half term we are very lucky to have a trainee teacher in Holly 2. Mr Doubleday will be completing his second teaching placement and we look forward to welcoming him to our school.



PSHCE

The children will be following the PSHE programme of study, Jigsaw. This half term the focus is "Dreams and Goals".

ICT

This half term, children will be learning how to communicate effectively and safely through emails.

Home Learning

Home Learning this half term will focus on the Core subjects and will either be a maths or grammar 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 games to access on Maths Shed.

Later in the half term we will begin weekly times table quizzes where the children will become fluent in the 2s, 5s and 10s.

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.