Spring Two Holly 1

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. 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.

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 might happen next in the tale. As the children become familiar with this 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. The children will also build on their knowledge of question and marks and will learn how to read and write words containing the -ed and -ing suffixes.

Maths

In maths this half term, we will be learning about multiplication and division. We will be solving one step problems using concrete and pictorial resources as well as counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

Science

This half term we will be learning about animals including humans in Science. 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 also be able to describe the structure of common animals. As well as our learning about animals, the children will also be identifying and labelling parts of the human body as well as exploring the five senses.

Phonics

We are

reading.

Holly 1 will continue to have daily phonics sessions where we will revisit previously taught graphemes as well as learn a variety of new graphemes as we learn to 'grow the code.'

Reading

Children who enjoy reading regularly thrive in their learning and therefore children are asked to read with an adult for 5-10 minutes every day to rehearse this skill and develop a love of reading. This could be school books, library books as well as own reading books.

Reading books will be changed once a week to allow children to develop fluency and a good understanding of the vocabulary within the book. They will read this book three times in school before it is sent home.

History

In History this half term, the children will be learning about the significant individual Grace Darling and her connection and influence on the RNLI.



Art

This half term, we will be focusing on drawing in Art. The children will be learning how to mark make using a variety of different tools such as chalk. We will then learn about positive and negative space and the impact this can have on a drawing. The children will then create a final piece of a winter tree using the skills they have learnt.

Enrichment and Home learning

This is a very exciting half term for enrichment opportunities. We have our school trip to New Forest Wildlife Park, the Creature Teachers coming into school for a workshop and the RNLI delivering a session on water safety.

We have Forest School **every Friday morning** so please bring in suitable clothing for them to get changed into.

Home Learning will be focusing on reading and phonics.

PSHE

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



Computing

Music: In Music this half term, we will be focusing on combining pulse, rhythm and pitch to create pieces of music.

RE: In RE this half term, we will be learning about Salvation within Christianity focusing on the Easter Story.

Computing: In Computing, we will be using a variety of tools to create digital paintings.



PE

We have PE lessons every Wednesday and Thyrsday so please ensure that your child wears their full PE kit on these days. Please also ensure that their PE kit is **fully named**. This half term in PE we will be focusing on invasion games and 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.