Autumn One Holly 1

Welcome back to a brand new year at Bearwood. We hope that you had a fantastic fun filled summer holiday 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 book of poems 'Out and About' by Shirley Hughes.

In our reading lessons we will be linking what we have read to our own experiences and concentrating on the skill of prediction using pictures to predict what a poem may be about.

During our writing lessons we will be writing about our experiences outside which will build up to us writing our very own poems.

I'm sure the children will be keen to talk to you about the sensory experiences we will be having during this topic which will support them when writing their own poems.

Maths

In Maths we will be learning about number and place value. This half term we will be focusing on mastering counting and representing numbers within 10, doubling and halving and finding one more and one less. We will also be adding and subtracting within 10.

Science

In Science, we will be looking at seasonal changes and the weather associated with the different seasons. The children will observe how the trees change as we move into Autumn as well as how the weather changes over a week.

Phonics

We are

reading.

Shirley Hughes

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.

Geography

In Geography, we will be learning about the four nations of the UK and the surrounding seas. We will look at the characteristics of the nations and the differences between them.



DT

Within our Design and Technology lessons, the children will be exploring moving pictures. They will learn how pivots and levers work within a moving picture. The children will then learn how to join components to make a wheel mechanism. The children will then design, make and evaluate their own mini-beast moving picture to feature in a new minibeast children's book.



Enrichment and Home learning

Please focus on reading daily for home learning.

When you are out and about, play games like I-Spy, what aisle number are you going down, sound talk words. Sound talking is when you sound out each part of a word and the children blend in their head to put the word back together eg. Food shopping, can you find the a-pp-le?

PSHE

The children will be following the PHSE programme of study, Jigsaw. This half term the focus is 'Being me in my World'. This unit focuses on understanding their place in the class and rights and responsibilities.



Foundation Subjects

Music: In Music this half term, we will learn that music has a steady beat and about body percussion and use our body to create different sounds.

RE: In RE this half term, our enquiry question will be Are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur important to Jewish children? During Rosh Hashanah, Jews think about what they want to achieve in the coming year.

Computing: In Computing, we will be learning how to use a range of tools for digital painting.

PE

We have PE lessons every Monday and Thursdays 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 cricket and fundamental movement skills. 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.