

Autumn One Holly 2

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.

Writing

English

This half term we are studying the books *The Colour Monster* and *Troll Swap*. In our reading lessons we will be concentrating on the skills of inference and retrieval to deepen our understanding of the texts. During our writing lessons we will be creating character descriptions and writing our own version of the story.

We are also focusing on structuring our sentences correctly and including expanded noun phrases in our work.

I'm sure the children will be talking to you about our story mapping where they will be learning the stories off by heart.

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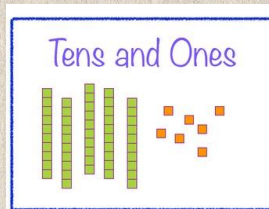
Phonics

Holly 2 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.'

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Maths

In maths we will be learning about place value and developing a deeper understanding of numbers by carrying out investigations and solving problems. We will also be adding and subtracting.



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.

Science

This half term, we will be looking at Living things and their habitats. The children will be learning about life cycles and will understand how different animals are suited to different habitats. We hope to arrange a local mini-beast hunt too!



History

In history we will learn about two significant individuals—Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela. We will begin to understand how these individuals had an impact on the world today.



DT

Within our DT lessons this half term we will be learning to thread a needle. We will then move on to learn how to sew a running stitch and an over stitch. This new knowledge will all be brought together to create a finger puppet!



Enrichment and Home learning

Please read regularly with your child at home. You could also practise counting, addition and subtraction. Ask your child which sounds they have been learning and go on a word hunt! In school we will provide a range of activities beyond the everyday curriculum.

PSHE

The children will be following the PHSCE 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 how to make instruments make sounds for different themes.

RE: Our World View this half term is Christianity and we will explore by thinking about the question "Is it possible to be kind all of the time?"

Computing: In Computing, we will be learning how to use a camera and take a good photo. We will then edit these photos.

PE

We have PE lessons every Monday and Thursday 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 striking and fielding games and fitness. 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.**