

# Autumn One Maple 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 the exciting things that the children will be learning in Maple 2 over the next half term.

## English

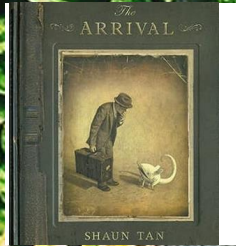
### **The Arrival by Shaun Tan**

Through the text 'The Arrival', the children will make inferences and predictions using evidence from the book. During this unit, the children will be recapping grammar and punctuation from the previous year and securing their knowledge of verb forms and the use of the comma, colon and hyphen. They will also have the opportunity at writing diary entries and letters linked to the text.

### **Interview with a Tiger and Other Clawed Beasts Too by Andy Seed**

Through the use of the text 'Interview with a Tiger and Other Clawed Beasts Too', the children will learn about the features of a non-fiction text and will develop their skills of non-fiction retrieval and explaining the meanings of words. This will then support them in creating their own non-chronological report.

We are reading...



## Maths

### **Place Value**

This term in maths we will be exploring the place value of numbers. We will then move onto the four operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and subtraction. As always, we will be teaching these concepts through a range of fluency, reasoning and problem-solving tasks.

## Science

This unit will focus on classifying living things based on similar and different characteristics. They will learn about different living groups such as microorganisms. Using classification systems, the children will name and classify different animals and plants from local environments and from around the world. By using research, the children will answer questions about living things and set up investigations considering how they can work scientifically.

## Spelling

Children will revise the Year 3/4 word list. They will also secure their accuracy in adding suffixes e.g. -ing, -er, -ed, -est and prefixes e.g. un, dis, mis.

## 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 schoolbooks, 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. We will be reading multiple extracts per week from different text types.





## History

This half-term, History will focus on the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons including their struggle for the control of Britain up until 1066. We will cover the Viking invasions, settlements, trade and first Kings of England.



## DT

This D.T unit will be on cooking burgers. The children will learn about how we can make healthy options with food by considering the calorie content.

We will then learn how to make different burger patties and the different cooking techniques that could be used. The children will explore different sauces and breads that could be used with a burger before they then create and cook their burgers.

## Computing

### 'We are website planners'

The children will consider the capabilities of smartphones and the internet and learn about some of their many uses. Whilst developing their skills of using the internet for research effectively and safely, the children will evaluate current websites. They will then plan a website which is designed to solve a problem.

## PSHE

The children will be following the PHSE program of study, Jigsaw. This half term the focus is 'Being me in my World', focusing on understanding their place in the class, school and global community.

## Foundation Subjects

**Music:** In this unit the children will develop their drumstick and rhythm skills as we play along to the beat of music. We will also continue to develop our listening skills to identify instruments used and also our composing skills to create our own pieces of music.

**RE:** In RE this term, we will look at Islam, where we will think about the 'Big Question': It is a Muslims duty to pray to Allah five times each day? We will learn about the 5 pillars of Islam to help us understand the world we live in.

## PE

We have PE lessons every Tuesday 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 Netball 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.**