

Beechwood Primary Academy



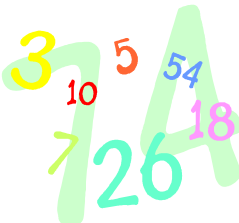

Learning Journey



Our termly work and how you can support your child.







Spring Term 3 and 4 - 2019	Year Group 2	Theme Term 3 - Tower, Tunnels and Turrets Term 4 - Bounce
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Dear Parents

Please find attached the programme of learning for your child this term. There are many ways in which you can help your child at school but the most effective way is to show an interest and to encourage your son or daughter to talk to you about what he or she is learning in school.

English 	The children take part in a daily Reading Comprehension session or a daily Read, write, Inc session. The children will continue to develop their reading comprehension skills – making predictions, answering retrieval questions, answering inference and deduction and summarising a text. We will also be having a daily English lesson involving retelling stories orally, story mapping, writing character descriptions, describing settings, planning stories using planning boards and developing our story writing. We will be working on all elements of VCOP – vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation. The children also have a daily Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar session.
How you can help 	Please listen to your child read regularly and record your comments in their reading diary. Support your child with any reading or written homework. Encourage your child to read a range of texts as well as their school reading books, e.g. television pages, magazines and comics. Encourage your child to work towards their next target for the Owl Reading Tree Trail. Support your child with their spellings – using 'Fred Fingers' to segment the phonemes.
Mathematics 	In Year 2 this term we will be doing multiplication and division. The children will be learning the two, five and ten times tables. We will be using concrete objects to help us to multiply and divide and also drawing arrays and grouping. We will also be recognising and using symbols of pound and pence, and solving simple problems in a practical context using pictures and bar models. The children will be learning how to recognise and name common 2d and 3d shapes and exploring lines of symmetry and forming sequences. We will also be recognising, finding and naming fractions. The children will continue to complete the Fluency Master activities daily.
How you can help 	Help your child to confidently identify coin and note values and how to write amounts of money of coins or notes. Encourage your child to use money in the environment and use any mathematical opportunities in the everyday world. Times tables are extremely important and need

	to be practiced in as often as possible. Support your child with their Fluency Master activities – these are available on Class Dojo.
Science 	This term we will be looking at Materials . The children will be exploring different materials and their properties as well as carrying out investigations into which material is best suited for a specific tasks. In term 4 we will be looking at Animals including Humans . The topic involves looking at life cycles of different animals as well as the benefits of regular exercise and its effect on the heart. The topic also includes healthy eating.
How you can help 	Use the internet and share a variety of non-fiction books with your child at home. Ask your child to explain to new concepts using scientific vocabulary.

Topic Work Including History/ Geography 	In term 3 we will be looking at a topic called Towers, Tunnels and Turrets . In this we will be investigating castles in the U.K and in which period they were built. We will be focusing on Saxon ditches, Rampart castles and Motte and Bailey stone castles. In term 4, the unit we will be learning about is Bounce . This topic includes looking at sporting heroes inspired from the children's own interests. We will be using timelines to order these heroes and discuss which ones are groundbreaking historically.
Art 	In Art we will be learning about the famous artist Degas and producing our own paintings in his style.
PE 	In PE we will be doing Gymnastics. We will be focusing on flight, bouncing, jumping and landing. The children will learn how to make different shapes and change direction. In term 4 the children will be completing a Dance unit. The focus will on rhythm and moving to the music. Please make sure that your child's PE kit is in school and that earrings are removed on PE days.
Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Education 	The children will be exploring growing and changing. We will complete sessions discussing bullying and exploring different emotions. We will also talk about different groups, communities and the wider world. The children will discuss how they are unique and differences and similarities.
RE 	The children are learning about a variety of different faiths. They will talk about their beliefs and the beliefs of different religions. They will also at the characteristics of a good leader and research what makes a good leader.
Computing 	The children will be programming and using Scratch to look at different algorithms. They will learn how to programme to make shapes and rotate objects.
Modern Languages – French	We will continue to learn how to count in French. We will learn the days of the week and parts of the body. We will also learn how to describe the weather. The children will play games and learn French songs.

	
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Reading - Each has a reading book at their level. These books will be changed at least **once** a week. Please write in their reading record book when you have listened to your child read at home.

Home learning - A home learning activity will be given out on Friday to be handed in by the following Thursday. These tasks will be related to Mathematics, English, Science or Topic covered in class that week or to be introduced the following week.

Please check your child's book bag regularly for letters.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Gruszka, Miss Crocker and Miss Humphries