

# Wimple Primary School - Curriculum Newsletter

**Class: Beech**

**Year: 4/5**

**Term: summer 2021**



Dear parents and pupils,

We do hope that all of the pupils managed to have a good Easter break and are ready to learn a lot this term.

Staff in Beech, Oak and Willow classes will once again be working with each other to plan and resource a variety of learning opportunities for the children across KS2.

Here at Wimple School, we remain committed to ensuring that the children we teach make good progress and achieve their full potential while also enjoying their learning and being enriched by all that is on offer at our school.

## English

- During this term, pupils will be learning to create and use a variety of clauses to alter the way they construct sentences and provide detail when writing pieces independently. They will also study how to use a range of punctuation marks effectively in their writing.
- In reading sessions, pupils will continue to analyse poetry, fiction and non-fiction texts. They will keep on practising their inference skills and learn how to support ideas with evidence within a text.
- All pupils will continue to learn to spell sets of age-related words, including the statutory words and those with specific suffixes and prefixes. They will also spend time gaining more knowledge about the meanings of words that are used widely in curriculum subjects.

## Maths

- Pupils will be using decimal numbers to add and subtract up to thousandths. They will convert between decimals and fractions. Then pupils will move on to converting decimals and fractions to percentages.
- Pupils will continue to develop the speed and accuracy of mental strategies while also developing written methods when dealing with increasingly large numbers or multi-step  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $\times$  &  $\div$  questions.
- In mental Maths sessions, pupils will also carry on with learning and quickly recalling their key number fact knowledge linked to the areas of measures.
- Also, in Geometry lessons pupils will be learning about position and direction while also gaining further knowledge of the properties of shapes.

## Science

- The children will be learning about the parts of the digestive system and healthy living through diet and exercise. They will also study how to work scientifically to investigate questions.
- Pupils will then learn about how the human body changes as it matures.

## Art and Design

- Art and Design activities this term will be skills based & linked to our work in History or Geography.

## Computing

- The pupils will spend time learning about how to keep themselves safe when they are online.
- The children will also take part in a unit of work called 'We can be meteorologists' where they collect data about the weather and present it using Google slides.

## Design Technology

- All pupils will be learning to prepare and cook savoury dishes for a healthy and varied diet. The children will also look at the seasonality of different ingredients. This work will be linked to Science.

## Geography

- Pupils will develop their knowledge and places by studying local maps of Devon and maps of Europe.
- They will learn about specific areas while following this enquiry: Who are Britain's National Parks for?

<b>History</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The pupils will start the term by studying why King Henry VIII had six wives.</li> <li>• They will also learn about 'The Trojan Horse' &amp; explore whether it's historical fact or a classical myth.</li> </ul>
<b>Religious Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils will be discussing the issue of racism using 'the tale of two statues' and then exploring Sikhism, including the founding of gurus and their beliefs.</li> </ul>
<b>Languages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils will revise and then learn more key French vocabulary and phrases so they can then carry out simple conversations in French about sport. They will learn to explain what sports they play, what they wear for it and what they would play in different kinds of weather.</li> </ul>
<b>Music.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They will listen and respond to pieces of music composed by composers from different times &amp; places.</li> <li>• Pupils will learn to sing songs as part of a group and also play simple tunes on an instrument.</li> <li>• They will also look at how composers use dynamics and tempo to create effects in pieces of music.</li> </ul>
<b>Physical Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PE lessons will generally take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week, but may sometimes need to take place on other days, so please could your child have their <b>full PE kit</b> in school each day.</li> <li>• Pupils will usually follow the units from Real Gym and PE. Each one focuses on developing a key sporting skill while also encouraging pupils to be creative, social, healthy, confident and evaluative.</li> </ul>
<b>Home Learning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spellings – these will usually be issued <b>each Wednesday</b> and there will be a spelling test each Wednesday to see how pupils are progressing with learning the spellings and meanings of the words.</li> <li>• Times tables activities will be set and submitted via Google classroom. If your child finds one of the times table patterns particularly tricky to remember, we can send home some additional multiplication resources to help them learn it. Once these facts are mastered, pupils will move on to reasoning work spanning the Key Stage 2 Maths curriculum.</li> <li>• Occasional topic homework will be set that will be linked to a specific subject area and there will be a return date on each activity.</li> <li>• Please encourage your child to read every night, even if it is just for 15 minutes, and please use some of the comprehension questions on your child's bookmark to discuss their book with them. Your child can choose a book from the school library and this can then be returned and another one selected.</li> <li>• Also, a reading comprehension will be available each week on the Google classroom for your child to carry out. This can be printed, completed &amp; returned or can be completed and submitted online. Some pupils may choose to read the text &amp; questions online but to write their answers in their yellow book.</li> </ul>
<b>P.S.H.E</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils will be following Jigsaw unit 5, Relationships, and thinking about how to form and sustain good relationships with others and then unit 6, Changing Me, that focuses on how we change as we grow up.</li> <li>• Our class assemblies and class daily discussions will also have aspects of PSHE as their focus.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>At the moment the only available clubs are breakfast club and after-school club.</b></li> </ul>

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please make an appointment to see us after the end of a school day at 3:30 p.m.

And finally... thank you for your ongoing support. We do appreciate it and we are looking forward to teaching our class in school this term and making our pupils' learning as varied as possible.

Yours sincerely, Miss H Clarke and Mrs H Boyd