

# Whimble Primary School - Curriculum newsletter

**Class: Beech      Year: 4/5      Term: Autumn 2017**



Dear parents and pupils,

Welcome to (or back to) Beech Class everyone. We do hope that all of the pupils enjoyed their summer break and are looking forward to the start of this year of primary school.

Beech and Willow class will be working closely with each other on a range of Topics this school year and when planning learning opportunities for the children in KS2.

Here at Whimble School, we are committed to ensuring that the children we teach make good progress and achieve their full potential, whilst also enjoying their learning and being enriched by all we have on offer here.

## English

- Follow the English curriculum to explore Italian stories and write about natural disasters.
- Revisit and extend learning Grammar & Punctuation, with particular focus on fronted adverbials, and using a range of conjunctions, along with other key aspects of grammar.
- Guided Reading: Work with poetry, fiction and non-fiction. Identify and discuss characters, settings, themes and genres. Focus on prediction and retrieval skills. Use dictionaries to check meanings of words.
- Investigating spelling patterns and rules with 10 weekly spelling words to learn.

## Maths

- Follow the Maths curriculum and continue to develop the speed and accuracy of mental maths strategies.
- Consolidate and improve the accuracy of times tables knowledge and recall, up to 12x12, and corresponding division facts. The solve problems in a variety of contexts, involving multiplication and division operations.
- Revisit and expand understanding of place value in increasingly large numbers and decimals, solve problems using addition and subtraction methods.
- Learn about the properties of 2D and 3D Shape, Perimeter and Time, and applying these when problem solving.

## Science

- Investigate electricity and make simple circuits.
- Use scientific equipment to investigate the water cycle.

## Art and Design

- Art and Design activities will be linked to our topic of Italy and Europe.

## Computing

- Design robots by making simple circuits and formulating simple algorithms.
- Find, use and combine information from online sources to produce a profile of a favourite.

## Design Technology

- Food Technology - focus: Italian food.
- Some aspects of this subject will be covered in Fantastic Friday activities.

**Geography**

- Study the country of Italy and some other places in Europe. Elements of study to include volcanoes, animal and plant life, weather and climate, landscape features and aspects of human Geography.

**History**

- No History focus this term.

**Religious Education**

- Find out about the Muslim pilgrimage (Hajj) to Mecca, including the stories of Ibrahim.
- Consider the different ways Christians show commitment to God, including the 10 commandments and investigating famous Christians.

**Languages**

- Italian. To introduce some vocabulary and then carry out simple conversations. For example: learn greetings, learn some simple questions/answers, learn some useful everyday phrases and order some food and drink.

**Music**

- Listen to different composers and styles of music.
- Sing and use voice in performance, including singing in assembly.
- Compose some pieces using a variety of instruments.

**Physical Education**

- Gymnastics with a focus on fundamental movement skills.
- Invasion Games, including skills, tactics and small-sided games.
- PE lessons will usually take place on a Wednesday and Friday each week, but may sometimes need to be moved to other days at times, so please could your child have their full PE kit in school each day.

**Home Learning**

- Guided Reading- questions or tasks will be given out fortnightly, with the date for return on the activity that is set.
- Spellings - will usually be issued on Wednesday and tested the following Wednesday.
- Times tables- will be issued weekly and tested on a Tuesday.
- Occasional topic homework will be set which will be linked to our study of Europe and which will have a return date on the activity.
- Please encourage your child to read every night and please use some of the suggested comprehension questions on your bookmark to discuss books with them.

**Personal Development**

- Participate in activities that encourage everyone to get along with each other and help us learn to overcome our differences in positive and effective ways.
- Learn ways to keep ourselves physically and mentally healthy.

**Essentials for Learning and Life**

- Clubs: Choir, Recorders, Guitars and Karate

All of the pupils seem to have come back ready to put lots of energy into their learning, which is great to see, and have made a really good start to the term. If you have any questions about your child's learning please do see us after school and we look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming open evening for parents in October.

And finally... if any of you are interested in assisting the pupils with their reading or helping out with trips, art activities or sporting events, then do let us know. Thank you for your continued support of the school and for working with us to provide great outcomes for your children.

Yours sincerely,

Miss H Clarke and Mrs H Boyd