

Whimple Primary School - Curriculum newsletter

Class: Beech Year: 4/5 Term: Spring 2022



Dear all parents and pupils,

We do hope that many of you enjoyed your Christmas and are having a positive start to 2022.

Staff working in Beech, Oak and Willow classes will once again be working with each other on a range of curriculum areas this term to provide a variety of learning opportunities for the children across KS2.

Here at Whimple 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

- During this term, pupils will be learning to use a range of sentence and paragraph openers to ensure that they are creating and writing different structured sentences.
- They will also study the roles of a range of punctuation marks and learn how to use them in their writing.
- In reading sessions, pupils will continue to analyse pieces of poetry, fiction and non-fiction writing. They will further develop their explanation skills when answering questions or sharing ideas, alongside predicting, questioning and clarifying when reading words or phrases chosen by an author.
- All pupils will carry on learning 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 other spelling rules and think carefully about the meanings of words that are used in curriculum subjects.

Maths

- Pupils will first of all focus on place value in decimals and also look at what happens to each part of a number when it is multiplied or divided by 10, 100 and 1,000. Then they will study fractions in a variety of contexts.
- Pupils will continue to develop the speed and accuracy of their mental strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, while also developing written methods for these four operations.
- In mental Maths sessions, pupils will keep revising and using key number knowledge and further improve their rapid recall of times table facts, up to 12x12, along with many corresponding division facts.
- Pupils will also learn about units of measurement and how to calculate areas and perimeters of shapes.

Science

- The children will be learning about the movement of the Earth, & other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system. Using the idea of the Earth's rotation, they will explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.
- In addition, they will also study light, the eye and how we see.

Art and Design

- Learning in Art and Design this term will be about creating 3D sculptures and printmaking. Pupils' artwork will be linked to where appropriate to pupils' work in PSHE and Geography.

Computing

- The pupils will spend time learning how to keep themselves safe when online and how to report concerns.
- Pupils will also create a branching database and explain why it is helpful for a database to be well structured.
- They will also learn to plan, modify and test commands to create shapes and patterns.

Design Technology

- The pupils will be designing and making a food and textile outcome for a purpose and then evaluating its effectiveness. This work will also be linked to our work in Science, History and PSHE.

Geography

- Pupils will answer the question What is a river? They will consider the journey made by a river from source to mouth, alongside studying specific rivers in the UK and around the world.
- They will gain an understanding of why places can experience floods.

History

- Pupils will consider how the Isle of Dogs has changed since the reign of Henry VIII.

Religious Education

- In RE lessons this term, pupils will identify ways that Jews show their faith, understand differences in how people put their faith into action and express own views on how to make the world a better place.

Languages

- Pupils will be learning about the shopping experience in France. They will learn specific vocabulary about fruit, clothes and vegetables and role play conversations with other children.
- The children will also be learning about countries, continents and animals found across the world.

Music.

- Pupils will listen and respond to pieces of music when considering how music improves our world and what it can tell us about a community.
- Pupils will find a pulse and show they are able to move and clap in time to a variety of musical pieces.
- They will also look at how pieces of music are structured when learning to sing or play parts of them.

Physical Education

- 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 **full PE kit** in school each day.
- Pupils will continue to follow the units from Real PE and GetSet4PE, along with having their swimming sessions. This term they will learn dynamic balances, develop key ball skills and create movement sequences.

Home Learning

- Spellings will usually be issued on a Wednesday and lists will change weekly in order to allow children several days to learn and remember how to spell particular words. There will be a spelling test each Wednesday to see how pupils are progressing with learning them.
- Times table activities will once again be set on Google Classroom and login details have now been sent home. If your child finds a times table particularly tricky to learn, we will send home some additional multiplication resources to support them.
- 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.
- Please encourage your child to read each night (for at least 15 minutes) and please do use the comprehension questions on your child's bookmark to discuss parts of their book with them. Your child can select a book from the school library to read and talk about at home. A reading comprehension will also be set on Google Classroom or issued on paper each week to be completed and handed in the following Tuesday.

P.S.H.E

- Pupils will be following Jigsaw unit 3, Dreams and Goals, and thinking about their future aims, how to go about achieving them and how to stay positive along the way. They will then study unit 4, Healthy Me, that focuses upon how to form healthy relationships with others and also look at how to keep our body healthy.
- Our class assemblies will also have key aspects of PSHE and Skills Builder as their focus.

- **The clubs available to pupils are breakfast club (run by Mrs Large), the after-school club (run by Mrs Batten) and some Sporty Stars Clubs are also running this term.**

All of the pupils seem to be positive about their learning at present and have made a good start to this spring term. If you have any questions about your child's learning, please make an appointment to see us at the end of a school day at 3:30 p.m.

And finally... many thanks for your continued support of the school's current arrival and departure systems. The pupils are coming in calmly and independently each morning which helps them to be ready to listen and learn in class.

Yours sincerely,

Miss H Clarke and Mrs H Boyd