

Whimble Primary School - Curriculum newsletter

Class: Beech Year: 4/5 Term: Summer 2023



Dear all parents and pupils,

We do hope that you and the pupils had a good Easter and have enjoyed the recent good weather.

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.

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

Art

- In Art this term pupils will learn how to design and make different styles of print work and the use or overlap some of these prints, alongside other art materials, to create outcomes.
- Then we will also be studying collage techniques and then employing them to make landscapes and or versions of objects.

Computing

- Pupils will study ways to edit digital images to enhance or change aspects of them to create various effects.
- They will further deepen their understanding of programming by designing, creating and evaluating a program that uses selection.

Design Technology

- The pupils will learn about seasonality in relation to food products and the source of different food products.
- They will research and make a dish that is a cultural celebration, recapping their knowledge of food hygiene, nutrition and kitchen safety, linking their work to the R.E. curriculum.

English

- During this term, pupils will be learning to write using complex sentences with multiple clauses and studying how to include different kinds of punctuation marks within them.
- In reading sessions, pupils will continue to improve their fluency, vocabulary and inference skills when reading poetry, fiction & non-fiction. They will tackle a wider range of questions and some of these will require short and precise answers whereas others will need longer ones, with several points of reasons within them.
- All pupils will carry on with learning to spell sets of age-related words, including statutory words and those with suffixes and prefixes. They will also spend time gaining more knowledge about other common spelling rules and think carefully about the meanings of unfamiliar words by looking at how they have been used.

Geography

- Pupils will answer the question - Who are Britain's National Parks for? They will look at three national parks and learn how they encourage visitors. They will look at similarities and differences between these national parks and those in the USA.

History

- Pupils will investigate this question: The Trojan Horse: historical fact, legend or myth? They will evaluate information sources on the siege of the city of Troy during the Trojan War of Ancient Greece.

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 their lists of words.
- Times table revision will be set on Purple Mash, let us know if you are having trouble logging in. Quizzes will be taken on Mondays and Tuesdays to see how the children are getting on and additional practice may be sent home for specific areas. Year 5s are set weekly doodle Maths assignments (linked to learning in the week) that are set on a Tuesday and to be completed the following Tuesday.
- 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 aspects 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 by the following Tuesday.

Languages

- Pupils will be learning about time and how to read television schedules and transport timetables.
- The children will also be finding out about weather, sports and hobbies. They will learn specific vocabulary of how to say what the weather is like and say names of different sports and hobbies.

Maths

- Pupils will revisit on place value in decimals and 4 and 5 digit numbers, including calculating with money, and converting measurement from one unit to another.
- Pupils will continue to develop the speed and accuracy of their mental strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, while also developing written methods, especially for multiplying and dividing.
- In mental Maths sessions, pupils will develop their knowledge of square, composite and prime numbers and continue to learn and recall times table facts, up to 12x12 so they can use them in many areas of Maths.
- Pupils will also deepen their understanding of fractions with problem solving, involving fractions of amounts and learn to order sets of fractions, decimals and percentages.

Music.

- Pupils will consider how music shapes our way of life and will identify & describe a variety of contrasting feelings as they relate to different pieces of music
- They will also decide which notes to use when composing and improvising, when playing instruments.
- They will be able to compare musical styles and express their preferences clearly and with reasons.

P.S.H.E

- Pupils will be following Jigsaw unit 5, Relationships, and learn how to make and sustain healthy relationships with others. They will then study unit 6, Changing Me, that focuses in year groups on how our bodies change & develop as we grow. Our class assemblies will also have key aspects of PSHE & Skills Builder as their focus.

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 units from Real PE and GetSet4PE. They will learn striking and fielding skills, develop their running, jumping and throwing abilities and learn more about health and fitness.

Religious Education

- In RE lessons this term, pupils will

Science

- The children will study living things and their habitats, considering how changes to environments affect the organisms in it.
- In addition, they will also learn about properties - reversible and irreversible changes in materials. They will think about the differences between dissolving, evaporating, burning & mixing.

All of the pupils seem positive and ready to get on with their learning at the start of this summer. Year 4 parents please support your children with their times table homework as they prepare for the multiplication check in early June. 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. Thanks for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss H Clarke and Mrs H Boyd