



Promoting Progress

Beechwood Junior School/ Spring Term



YEAR 6

Your Year 6 Team are:

6C - Mrs Cotton

6T- Mrs Thorne

Mrs. Price is the Year 6 Higher Level Teaching Assistant.

BEECHWOOD VISION

At our school we believe in the importance of equipping children with the skills and experiences necessary to prepare them for an ever-changing world and an unknown future. We want to ensure they have the learning attributes that are transferable to a range of situations and contexts. In particular, we believe in the importance of communication in underpinning all social interaction so that pupils can learn from others, express their own views honestly and accurately and be socially fulfilled individuals. Every child will be given the opportunities to learn effective communication skills for use in a variety of social and technological contexts. We also believe in having respect for ourselves, each other and our community including the environment we live in, ensuring all pupils have the skills, confidence and attitudes to become responsible citizens.

Every child will accept and embrace differences by learning from each other. They will respect the views of others and have the confidence to communicate their own ideas and opinions. While they are at Beechwood, the children will develop their roles as active citizens in the world around them, taking responsibility for their learning through a resilient attitude. We will ensure that every child will be given the pastoral support and nurture that they need. They will be encouraged to accept and learn from their mistakes with the understanding that learning is hard.

No child will be left out based on race, age, nationality, gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or disability. Neither will they leave our school without the essential knowledge, skills and understanding needed in our ever changing technological world.

The curriculum in our school will allow every child to maximise their full potential and be inspired to become life-long learners. It will promote creativity and independence and it will instil in them a love of learning.

Spring term:

Monday 4th - Friday 9th January - One World Week. → Children will learn all about the Tudor explorers and the colonisation of North America.

Tuesday 12th January - Hampshire Fire and Rescue will visit us again to complete some Road Safety workshops with the children.

Thursday 21st January - Art Exhibition from 2:30pm. An opportunity to view your child's art work from One World Week.

Monday 25th - Friday 29th January - Open week → Please come in and spend some time in your child's class to see exactly what they are learning in Year 6!

INSET - Monday 1st February

Thursday 4th February 2 - 3pm - Ancient Greek Feast → Parents and children are invited to join us in Ancient Greek Regalia to celebrate the end of our topic.

Mock SATs week Monday 8th - Friday 12th February → A chance for the children to get ready for SATs week in May.

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th February → Attendance and Punctuality week. Daily competitions to earn toast.

Thursday 3rd March - D-Day Museum → To launch our WW2 topic, the children will be visiting the museum which contains The Overlord Tapestry and they will also take part in The Home Front workshop discussing life in Britain during The Blitz. Cost for the trip is approximately £12.50 but a letter will go home nearer to the time.

Tuesday 8th March 5-6pm - SATs information evening. Please come along and find out more about exactly what you and your children can expect from the tests in May.

Thursday 10th March - Reports go home. There is a meeting to discuss the new report format and the new curriculum's impact upon this on Wednesday 2nd March at 9am and 5.30pm.

Monday 14th March - INSET day.

Tuesday 15th March - Mrs Cox will visit Year 6! An amazing lady straight from 1942 to talk to the children about surviving life during the war, making the most of rations and keeping spirits high. She'll have lots of handy hints and tips to ensure the children keep safe during WWII!

Wednesday 16th March, 1:30-7pm - Parents Consultations → Please book an appointment to discuss your child's progress towards meeting the End Of Year Expectations for Year 6 and any other concerns you or your child's teacher may have.


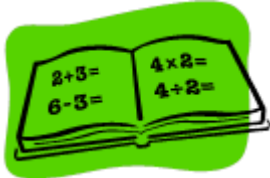
Finally, if you would like to come in and read with us, or can offer your services for supporting Y6 events please let Mrs Cotton or Mrs Thorne know.



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We are looking forward to a very exciting Spring term and working closely with you and your children. Thank you in advance for all of your support.

The Year 6 team.

SUBJECT	WHAT WE WILL BE STUDYING FOR SPRING 1:
TOPIC	<p>Ancient Greece.</p> <p>Differences between Athenians and Spartans.</p> <p>Ancient Greeks at war.</p> <p>Ancient Greek art and culture.</p> <p>The influence of Ancient Greece upon our lives today.</p> 
ENGLISH	<p>Core Text: <i>The Savage</i> by David Almond.</p> <p>Suspense narratives.</p> <p>Playscripts</p> <p>Persuasive writing</p> <p>Developing writing for a specific audience and purpose.</p> <p>Ancient Greek comedies and tragedies</p>
MATHS	<p>Revisit the areas covered in Autumn term.</p> <p>Arithmetic methods.</p> <p>Mental calculation strategies.</p> <p>Measure</p> <p>Geometry</p> <p>Ratio</p> 
ART and DT	<p>Clay - creating and decorating an Ancient Greek style vase.</p>
PE	<p>Zumba</p>
GAMES	<p>Invasion Games</p>
COMPUTING	<p>Data logging, e-safety, logo and online communication</p>
PSHE and RE	<p>Developing confidence and responsibility in preparation for the rest of Year 6.</p>

SUBJECT	WHAT WE WILL BE STUDYING SPRING 2:
TOPIC	World War 2 (Will also be covered during Summer 1)
ENGLISH	<p>Core text: The Machine Gunners by Robert Westall. Writing in role as characters from The Machine Gunners- letters and diaries. Description. Narrative - time slip stories</p> 
MATHS	<p>Revisit the areas covered in Autumn and Spring term. Problem solving Geometry Symmetry, rotation and tessellation Algebra - simple formula Statistics</p> 
SCIENCE	Light
COMPUTING	Adventure games and simulations. Internet research.
HISTORY	<p>Investigate the causes of World War 2. Investigate the role of propaganda during World War 2. To investigate the reasons for and impact of: evacuation, The Blitz and rationing. A Victory Celebration Tea Dance will be held at the end of the topic which will include food from 1940's recipes, dancing e.g. waltz, foxtrot and singing songs from the time.</p>
ART AND DESIGN	The influence of propaganda during WWII
MUSIC	Learning songs from World War 2 in preparation for the Tea Dance.
PE	Dance - A dance teacher will teach us typical dances from the 1940s, e.g. Foxtrot and Waltz ready for us to perform at the tea dance.
GAMES	Netball
RE	Salvation - Learn about the Bible reporting Moses receiving the 10 Commandments and the Pentecost.

REMINDERS:

Indoor PE kit consists of a plain coloured t-shirt. This may be their house colour or must be plain red or white. We do not allow, under any circumstances, football shirts or t-shirts that have large logos on them.

Please ensure that your child does not wear any jewellery to school on the days they have PE as it is a health and safety issue. The only jewellery they are allowed to wear to school at any time are stud earrings, a watch, a flat signet ring or a health warning bracelet. Any other jewellery will be stored in the office and you will be asked to pick it up.

PE is part of the National Curriculum and it is very important that your child takes part regularly. If you do wish them to not take part you must send a note into your child's teacher clearly stating the reason why you wish them to miss their PE or Games lesson. If we do not have a letter they will be expected to take part.

PE is on **Tuesday** afternoon

Games is on **Thursday** afternoon

HOMEWORK

Homework is **always** given out on a **Wednesday** and is due back in the following **Tuesday**. The children will have weekly spellings, math's, literacy and a topic based project. Please try to spend some time with your child and ask them to explain to you what they have to do, but it should be clearly written in your child's Homework Diary. Please take time to complete the Homework Diary as this is a good way of communicating with your child's class teacher. If you child loses their Homework Diary there will be a charge of £2.00 to replace it.

If you have any problems and would like to speak to any of us please call into the school office or phone the school on 023 80227692 and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

The remainder of the year at a glance:

May:

SATs week. 9th and 13th May. **Please do not book holidays for this time!**

Thursday 26th May from 1.30pm - WW2 tea dance and Evacuation Sleepover in the school hall. The children will waltz to victory and share spam sandwiches with residents from our local rest homes, church and parents, grandparents, friends and family. All are welcome to join us. At 3pm children will be evacuated by the Southampton War Committee, and be sent to the country (school hall) for overnight safety! Approximate cost £5 - to cover the cost of train tickets.

June:

Monday 6th - Friday 10th June → France Residential. The children staying at school will spend time working on an exciting project!

Barclays Money Skills - tbc. Barclays bank launch our SRE topic by helping the children to organise their finances and plan their nursery in preparation for the arrival of their flour baby!

Barclays Bank Dragons Den - tbc. Barclays Bank return to be persuaded by the children to help finance their flour baby's nursery.

Tuesday 21st June - University of Southampton Taster Day → children will visit the university to get them thinking about the future opportunities available to them. The trip is funded by the University of Southampton.

July:

Leavers' performances Thursday 14th July, 2pm and 5.30pm. Book your tickets and pack your camera!

Leavers party Tuesday 19th July from 4.45pm. A chance for the children to let their hair down and have some fun! We do ask for a £2 donation from parents to cover food costs. The children also do their own fundraising to help with decorations etc.

Last day of term Wednesday 20th July from 2pm. Leavers' Assembly. It will be emotional, so come prepared!



Beechwood e-safety rules

Within school all pupils use a range of ICT equipment, including cameras, computers and accessing the internet as an essential tool to enhance learning. As a pupil of Beechwood Junior School the expectation is that both pupils and their parents/carers agree to the e-Safety Rules as stated below. Please ensure that you share these with your child so they are understood.

- If I need to bring in a mobile phone for safety reasons, I will take it straight to reception in the morning and collect it after school.
- I will not bring any USB sticks or memory devices into school and use them without permission.
- I will always use my own log in details to access my files and keep my password a secret.
- I will tell a teacher straight away if I see anything on the internet I am not happy with or if I receive a message I am not happy with.
- I will only use internet sites my teacher approves.
- I will not use internet chat rooms or give away any personal information over the internet.
- I will send emails only to people I know, or who my teacher has approved. All messages I send will be polite and considerate.
- I understand that the school can check my files and the internet sites I visit and any irresponsible use may result in loss of network or internet access.

Any questions please contact Mr Trace our Computing Leader.