

Phonics

The children will continue to work in small focussed groups to help with their phonological understanding. We will be focussing on more complex letter sounds and learning how to blend these together to decode words.

We will be sending home some mock phonics checks for your child to practise at home. These will help your child to become more confident and familiar with all of the letter sounds, 'special friends' and reading these in words in preparation for the phonics check in June.

We will continue to add weekly Phonics videos onto Seesaw for your child to watch. These will be a valuable tool in helping your child gain confidence in reading.

PHSE

This half-term in our 3D PSHE scheme we will be focusing on 'healthy lifestyles' and "hygiene".

We will also be looking at ways to express our feelings and strategies to deal with them.

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Were Victorian Schools fun?



This half terms topic is all about the history of school! Can you remember being small and being in Nursery and Reception? This is called history and it's all about the past. In this topic we will be looking at the history of our school and what schools used to be like in Victorian times. We will have fun sharing our memories and listening to others.

If any parents/ grandparents or carers attended Bewley Infants or Bewley Juniors and have any photos or special memories we would love to see/ hear them. Please send via Seesaw. We would also love to see any photos that you might have from your school days.

Dates for your diary....

Thursday 5th March- World Book Day

Friday 20th March- Red Nose Day

Thursday 26th March- Rock stars Day

Wk 30th March- Parent's Evenings

Thursday 2nd April -Break up for Easter

History

We will be exploring Bewley Primary School's history and we will be looking at schools in Victorian times and comparing those schools to our experiences in school today. We will be having a Victorian week in our classrooms and children will be given the opportunity to dress up in Victorian school clothes.

Preston Park Museum will be loaning us a box full of Victorian toys, costumes and Victorian school equipment. The children will get the opportunity to explore and play with the toys. We will also compare and contrast the similarities and differences between modern toys and Victorian toys.

If you have any old toys passed down through generations then please share your photos on Seesaw. We would love to see them.

R.E

This half term we will be revisiting the Christian faith and looking at different stories (parables) in the Bible. The theme is 'What do Christians think God is like?'

English

This half-term we will be reading poetry and focusing on writing our own alphabet list poems. We will also be looking at non-fiction books on Victorian schools and reading *Dogger* by Shirley Hughes. We will be using story maps to create our own versions of the story *Dogger*. We will continue to learn how to write more complex sentences using adjectives and conjunctions.

This half term we will also be celebrating World Book Day and children will have the opportunity to share their favourite stories and participate in fun and creative activities relating to children's literature.



Reading books and spellings

Please continue to read regularly at home with your child. It is important that you listen to your child read at **least 4 times** a week and record this in their reading logs.

Spellings will be put on Spelling Shed every Wednesday. Please practise reading these words and spelling them ready for our spelling quiz on the following Wednesday

Maths

This term we will continue to follow the Year 1 curriculum and the White Rose Maths scheme.

We will look at place value to 50, consolidate our learning of using tens and ones and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will also be looking at length and height.

Art and Design/Design and Technology

This half term the children will be looking at structures in Design and Technology. The children will review Victorian toys and then be tasked with designing and making a miniature version of playground equipment that would have made Victorian playgrounds more exciting. We will be focusing on making structures stiffer by using cylinders.