







## Bonneygrove Primary School

Year One Curriculum Newsletter




Summer Term One 2026

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English		Maths	
<p>This half term in English, Year 1 will be exploring narrative writing and letter writing. Children will read and discuss a range of stories, focusing on characters, settings and simple story structure (beginning, middle and end). They will also practise and apply their poetry writing skills</p> <p>Pupils will learn how to write simple persuasive texts, understanding their purpose and key features, such as stating an opinion, giving reasons, and using persuasive language. Through shared writing, modelled examples, and independent tasks, children will develop confidence in expressing their ideas clearly and begin to influence the reader in both spoken and written forms.</p>		<p>This half term in Maths, children will develop their understanding of shape, length and height, and mass and volume through practical, hands-on activities. They will learn to recognise and name common 2D and 3D shapes and begin to describe their properties.</p> <p>When exploring length and height, pupils will compare and measure objects using both non-standard and simple standard units. In their work on mass and volume, children will compare weights and capacities, using language such as heavier, lighter, full, and empty, and begin to carry out simple measuring activities.</p> <p>We will be exposing the children to real-life, hands-on experiences linked to our learning this half term, so any fun activities you can do e.g. baking, spotting shapes whilst out would contribute greatly to this!</p>	
Reading		Science	
<p>This half term in Phonics, Year 1 will continue following the Little Wandle programme, building fluency and confidence in reading and spelling. Children will revise Phase 5 graphemes and learn alternative spellings and pronunciations for sounds they already know. We will practise reading longer words, including words with suffixes such as -ing and -ed, and focus on improving accuracy and expression when reading. Pupils will continue to develop their segmenting and blending skills during daily lessons. We will also be focussing on “tricky words” and how to spell them this half term.</p>		<p>This half term in Science, Year 1 will be learning about “sunshine and showers”, as we discover more about the weather and the world around us. Children will learn to identify and describe different types of weather, including seasonal changes throughout the year. We will explore how the weather can change from day to day and learn how to observe and record these changes. Through hands-on activities such as keeping simple weather charts, using basic equipment, and going on outdoor observations, pupils will develop their observation skills and scientific vocabulary. We will also begin to understand how weather affects our daily lives and how to stay safe in different conditions.</p>	





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Art		History	
<p>This half term in Art, children will explore a sea-themed project where they create their own collages inspired by the ocean. They will learn to use a range of materials to build texture and layers, as well as mix colours to create different sea tones for their backgrounds. Pupils will draw, cut, and design their own sea creatures, adding patterns, shapes, and details to make their work unique. They will also look at the work of famous artists such as Eric Carle and Henri Matisse to inspire their own creations. Throughout the unit, children will develop their artistic skills and vocabulary and will have opportunities to talk about and reflect on their artwork, sharing what they like and how they created their final pieces.</p>		<p>This half term in History, children will learn about traditional British seaside holidays and how they have changed over time. They will explore features of seaside towns, such as piers and beach huts, and look at what holidays were like in the past, particularly during the Victorian era. Pupils will compare how people travelled to the seaside in the past with how we travel today and investigate how seaside entertainment and activities have developed over time.</p> <p>Through looking at photographs, sorting activities, and discussions, children will build an understanding of how life has changed while developing their historical vocabulary and curiosity about the past.</p>	
Religious Education		Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)	
<p>This half term in RE, Year 1 will be learning about Judaism and what it means for Jewish people to live a life of faith. Children will learn about some key beliefs and traditions, including the importance of God, the Torah, and how Jewish people show respect for their religion in daily life. They will explore special times such as Shabbat and learn how and why it is celebrated each week as a time of rest, family and worship. Through storytelling, discussion, art and reflection, pupils will begin to understand how Jewish beliefs influence how people live and the importance of belonging and community within Judaism.</p>		<p>This half term in PSHE, children will learn about relationships and what it means to be part of a caring community. They will explore different types of families and understand that all families are unique. Pupils will learn how to be a good friend, including appropriate ways to greet others and how to build positive friendships. They will also identify who they can ask for help within their school community and recognise the people who are special and important to them. In addition, children will begin to think about their own qualities as a person and as a friend, helping them to develop confidence, kindness and respect for others.</p>	
Spanish		Physical Education	
<p>This half term in Spanish, Year 1 will continue their language-learning journey using the Language Angels scheme. Children will learn to count from 1 to 10 in Spanish and name a range of</p>		<p>This half term in PE, children will be developing their skills in athletics and striking and fielding games. In athletics, they will practise running, jumping and throwing activities, focusing on improving their speed,</p>	



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<p>colours. Through songs, games, repetition and interactive activities, pupils will practise listening and speaking skills while building confidence in pronouncing new words. They will respond to simple questions, join in with actions and begin to recognise written Spanish vocabulary. Our lessons will focus on developing enthusiasm for languages and encouraging children to enjoy communicating in a new and exciting way.</p>		<p>coordination, balance and overall technique. In striking and fielding games, pupils will learn how to strike a ball with control, field effectively and work as part of a team in simple game situations.</p> <p>They will develop their understanding of rules, fair play and teamwork, and begin to apply these skills in small games and competitive activities. Through a range of fun and active lessons, children will build confidence, improve fitness and develop their physical skills.</p>	
<b>Computing</b>		<b>Music</b>	
<p>This half term children will be learning the basics of programming using a Bee-Bot floor robot. They will develop their understanding of algorithms by creating clear, step-by-step instructions (code) to control the Bee-Bot's movements. Pupils will learn how each button represents a specific command and how putting these commands in the correct sequence is essential for achieving a goal. They will practise planning routes logically, testing their programs, and predicting outcomes before running them. Children will also begin to develop debugging skills by identifying when a program does not work as intended, spotting errors in their instructions, and making improvements to achieve the correct result.</p>		<p>This term, Year 1 will continue taking part in a choral singing unit delivered in partnership with Herts Music Service. The children will explore their singing voices through fun warm-ups, call-and-response songs and simple part singing. They will learn how to sing clearly, listen carefully and perform together as a group. Pupils will develop confidence, rhythm and pitch while learning a range of engaging songs.</p> <p>The unit will build teamwork, performance skills and enjoyment of music, with opportunities to share their singing with an audience.</p>	
<b>Key Dates</b>			
<p><b>Return to school</b> – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April  <b>World Art Day</b> - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April  <b>Earth Day</b> - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April  <b>St George's Day</b> - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  <b>May Day Bank Holiday</b> - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May  <b>VE day</b> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May  <b>End of term</b>- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</p>			