



Bentley Heath CE Primary School

Half Termly Learning Overview for Spring Term 1

Year 4



English	Maths	Science	Religious Education
Our English work this half term will be taught through the novel <i>The Boy at the Back of the Class</i> by Onjali Rauf. Through their reading, children will draw inferences about characters' feelings, thoughts, motives and actions, justifying inferences with evidence from the text. Children will write for a range of purposes and audiences, including a diary entry, newspaper report and poem. They will focus on selecting appropriate and ambitious vocabulary, and using fronted adverbials demarcated correctly with commas.	The children will deepen their understanding of multiplication, be able to explain their reasoning, evidencing this in their books. Pupils will also focus on developing their understanding of fractions and decimals. They will be completing daily multiplication activities as they prepare for the statutory multiplication check.	Our Science topic this half term is Living Things and their Habitats. Children will recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. They will explore, use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment. By the end of this unit, children should recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.	This half term children will be exploring the topic: The Bible and Christianity. During this unit the children will look at the Bible, its origins, its role as a sacred religious text and how it is used by Christians around the world. Children will consider the authorship of the Bible, discussing the Christian belief that it is the Word of God whilst finding out about different writers of books in the Bible. They will discuss the different text types used in the Bible and explore stories in greater depth.
Music	History	Design and Technology	French
Our Music this term will be based on the song 'This little light of mine'. The children will look at and learn this expressive call-and-response gospel song based on a pentatonic scale. The children will learn the song and interpret it in their own way as well as composing and improvising around it.	Children will be studying The Vikings as their History topic this half term. Throughout this unit of work, the children will learn how to distinguish historical facts from myth, folklore and legend in relation to the people commonly referred to today as 'the Vikings'. Pupils will use terms related to the period and begin to date events; identify key features and events of the Viking period, and begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources.	In Design and Technology, pupils will be designing a stable pavilion structure that is aesthetically pleasing and selecting materials to create a desired effect. As part of this, they will create a range of different shaped frame structures, and make a variety of free standing frame structures of different shapes and sizes. They will evaluate their work and consider effective and ineffective designs.	In French this half term, pupils will be studying 'family and friends'. Throughout this unit of work children will learn how to name their family and friends and talk about their home. Further to this the children will look at the French alphabet and spelling.
Personal, Social & Health Education	Physical Education	Computing	How you can help your child at home
Throughout the 'healthy me' PSHE unit, children will learn about the effects of alcohol and smoking on the body. They will also be learning about peer-pressure and how to say 'no' in situations that make them uncomfortable. The children will learn how to problem-solve and identify a variety of strategies in different situations where they may experience peer pressure.	Children will be enjoying lessons through Chance 2 Shine Cricket this half term. The children will be learning about batting and fielding skills in preparation for taking part in a cricket festival later in the year. In their Indoor PE sessions, children will be focusing on improving their balance, co-ordination and ball throwing skills. They will also participate in invasion games which require teamwork. Swimming also continues this half term.	In Computing, children will learn that technology can be used to organise, reorganise, develop, and explore ideas, and that working with information in this way can aid understanding. It also gives children opportunities to discuss their experiences of using ICT and how it is used in the wider world.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Read to or with your child every day ✓ Practise multiplication tables at home as often as possible. We recommend 15 minutes per day. Children should be confident with their multiplication tables up to 12x12. This will help them in preparation for the Multiplication check in May ✓ Practise the year 3 & 4 spelling words as well as all common exception words that children are unsure on. ✓ You may wish to talk to your child about their learning about refugees through our class text