



Bentley Heath CE Primary School

Half Termly Learning Overview for Summer Term 1

Year 4



English		Maths	Science	Religious Education
<p>Our key texts in English this half term are: <i>Demon Dentist</i> by David Walliams and <i>The Present</i>, a visual literacy unit</p> <p>Our English work this half term will be taught through the novel <i>Demon Dentist</i> by David Walliams. Throughout this unit the children will write their own character description of a fictional dentist. They will focus on the use of effective vocabulary choices and expanded noun phrases to give extra information to the reader. Our visual literacy unit this term is <i>The Present</i>. Throughout this unit the children will write a persuasive letter to convince a family to adopt a dog. We will be looking closely at persuasive features such as emotive language, rhetorical questions and the use of flattery.</p>		<p>In their Maths lessons this half term, 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 which takes place in June.</p>	<p>The children's Science topic this term is <i>Teeth and Digestion</i>. This unit focuses on the digestive system in humans and animals and the functions of teeth. Children will learn more about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores in the context of teeth, digestion and the food chain. In addition, they will extend their understanding of food chains to more complex chains and food webs.</p>	<p>This half term children will be exploring the topic: the Trinity. The children will learn about three in one Trinity symbol and will relate this back to the Son, the Father and the Holy Spirit. The children will be looking more closely at what Christians believe and know when Trinity Sunday is and the meaning behind Pentecost. Lastly the children will compare the Nicene Creed to the Apostles Creed.</p>
Music	Geography		Design and Technology	French
<p>In Music the children will be focusing on aspects of singing, playing, improvising, composing, and listening. This will be done through a fun, rhythmic song about football-playing animals, in the style of a football chant. The song provides inspiration for recognising, playing from, and composing with crotchets, quavers, and minims.</p>	<p>Throughout this half term, the children will be conducting a study of Europe as part of their Geography topic. In this unit, children have the opportunity to explore Europe. Firstly, they will learn about the countries and capital cities of Europe. They will then look in more detail at some of the contrasting areas of Europe, finding out about the landscape, climate and locations in each area. Children will bring together their learning about one area of Europe and create information booklets to share what they have found out.</p>		<p>In Design and Technology, pupils will be looking at adapting a recipe. First the children will follow a simple biscuit recipe. Afterwards the children will test different ingredients and decide which flavours they like the best. Finally, the children will make their own adapted biscuit recipe and will also look at how they might market and sell them to a consumer.</p>	<p>In French this half term, pupils will be focusing on school life. We will practise naming school subjects, classroom items and stationery. Also, we will be looking at how to tell someone our favourite subject and what we like to do.</p>
Personal, Social & Health Education	Physical Education	Computing	How you can help your child at home	
<p>Throughout the 'Relationships' PSHE unit, children will learn how to recognise how people are feeling when they miss a special person or animal. They will also learn about ways that might help them to manage their feelings when missing a special person or animal. Some children may be able to offer and evaluate solutions to help manage personal loss.</p>	<p>Children will be enjoying cricket sessions in school this half term in preparation for the Chance2Shine festival. 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.</p>	<p>In Computing, children will be using Scratch Jr to code. This unit will teach a basic understanding of algorithms and how to create precise instructions for visual working programs. The children will develop their sense of creating, debugging and logical reasoning in order to code their own sprite.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Read to or with your child every day ✓ Talk about new vocabulary children come across in their reading ✓ 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 June ✓ Practise the year 3 & 4 spelling words as well as all common exception words that children are unsure on. ✓ Emphasise the importance of good oral hygiene and why brushing your teeth is essential. ✓ Bake with your child at home, or involve them in cooking – you could try making different types of biscuits 	