



# Bentley Heath CE Primary School

## Half Termly Learning Overview for Spring Term 2



### Year 3

English		Maths	Science	Religious Education
<p>The children will be exploring the text, 'Gorilla City' which is the first in the Charlie Small series of books. They will use a range of skills in their writing including paragraphs, organising ideas, using co-ordination and subordination to extend sentences (when, if, because, although), proof-read their work and spell some of the common exception words from the Year 3 / 4 list correctly. They will work towards producing a survival guide for Charlie Small and writing and performing a piece of animal poetry.</p>		<p>In Maths, the children will be completing a unit on statistics. This will involve drawing and interpreting pictograms, bar charts and tables. They will also be learning how to measure lengths in millimetres, centimetres and metres. As well as this, the children will begin to look at fractions. This will involve recognising and finding a half, a quarter and a third, understanding unit and non-unit fractions and counting in fractions.</p>	<p>In Science, the children will be learning about Light. The pupils will expand their knowledge of light sources, the concept of night and day, the reflective properties of different materials, how shadows are formed and the role of the famous inventor, Thomas Edison.</p>	<p>During this half term, the children will focus on the life of Jesus. They will explore the Easter story in greater depth, including the Last Supper, The Crucifixion and the Resurrection. Year 3 will also deliver the Easter service during our whole-school worship.</p>
Music	History		Design and Technology	French
<p>The children will continue to learn their stringed instrument with the teachers from Solihull Music Service.</p>	<p>Through the topic of 'Castles', the children will describe and explain why William the Conqueror decided to invade and occupy England in 1066. The children will compare and contrast the features of a typical Norman Motte and Bailey castle and consider why it was so difficult for the Anglo Saxons to successfully attack them. During the topic, the children will identify and describe the different parts of a Norman castle keep and recognise how the lives of children in Norman England were very different depending on the section of society to which they belonged.</p>		<p>During the half term the children will be developing their Design and Technology skills. They will be learning about the features of castles, designing and making their own and deciding on which 3D shapes they need to create it. They will then evaluate their castle against given success criteria and consider if any improvements could be made.</p>	<p>The topic this half term in French will be 'Food Glorious Food'. The children will learn the vocabulary for a range of food, to express likes and dislikes, and to count and use plural nouns.</p>
Personal, Social & Health Education	Physical Education	Computing	How you can help your child at home	
<p>This half term the children will be discussing the theme 'Healthy Me'. The children will identify things, people and places that they need to keep safe from, and learn some strategies for keeping themselves safe and healthy including who to go to for help. The children will be encouraged to express how being anxious/scared and unwell feels.</p>	<p>During Outdoor PE this half term, the children will be developing their skills in a variety of athletics activities. They will learn about sprinting technique, pacing themselves during longer distance running, working in a team as part of a relay as well as practising their throwing and jumping techniques. In Indoor PE, the children will focus on the fundamental movement skills of agility and static balance. The children will learn about reacting and responding quickly and the importance of changing height, speed and direction with control.</p>	<p>In Computing this half term, the children will use Purple Mash to learn about Databases. They will explore what a database is and when they are used. The children will learn about branching databases before creating their own. The children will then test and debug databases, checking they work correctly. The children will then explore the use of Spreadsheets and learn how to represent data in a variety of ways.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Read to your child each day and encourage them to read aloud.</li> <li>✓ Encourage children to summarise key points about a book or chapter that they have read.</li> <li>✓ Encourage your child to question new vocabulary when reading.</li> <li>✓ Support your child to identify 3D shapes in the environment and discuss properties such as faces, edges, vertices.</li> <li>✓ Explore pulling apart a range of old boxes to see the net of a 3D shape.</li> <li>✓ Log onto TT Rockstars regularly – Recap 2, 3, 5 and 10 x tables and practise 4, 8 and 6 x tables</li> </ul>	