



“Learning Together, Learning for Life”

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Aspiration

Independence

Resilience

Respect

Welcome to The Bysouth Curriculum Letter **Autumn Term 2024**

Teacher: Miss Wilson

On Tuesdays, Mrs Wittich will teach the class PE. Mrs Wittich will also teach Art/DT on Thursdays. Mrs Dear and Mrs Cottenden will also be teaching the class on Fridays during Jackson and Layton's Forest School sessions.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Bysouth Class! I hope that you and the children have had a well-deserved break over the summer. It has been wonderful to welcome you all back to school as well as getting to know some new children and their families that have joined us! I'm looking forward to the year ahead and I know the children are too.

Please find below details of our curriculum for this half term.

We will be actively trying to demonstrate our values of:

Independence by selecting our own resources in and around the classroom to help us learn in the way that suits us best.

Respect by following the daily routines of the class and school, being kind, polite and helpful to one another, and building effective working relationships with each other.

Aspiration by encouraging each other to take risks and challenge ourselves to reach our goals.

Resilience by reflecting on our learning and choices, developing a growth mindset and using our mistakes as learning opportunities.

English:

In our writing lessons, we will begin with learning about poetry and understanding words that rhyme and how poetry can create an image in the readers head. We will then move on to learning about how to add detail to our writing to make it interesting and exciting, we will spend time describing inspiring pictures as well as retelling familiar stories. Children in Year One are also being taught how to correctly form lead in and lead outs for each letter of the alphabet, our handwriting letter formation can be found in your child's home school communication book.

Reading: Children will be reading regularly at school. As an important part of your child's home learning, they **should be reading at home every day**. The children should be reading with or to an adult. When they are reading, please make use of the activities and

questions in the covers of the book. By reading the book and working on reading skills, the book will be kept for at least two days. Children in Year One will be keeping their book for a week, this will then be changed on a Monday to the book read in our reading sessions in school. Comments on their reading and skills should be recorded every day in the Home School Communication book. Comments are used as part of my reading assessment for each child.

The children will also be bringing a library book home with them, the children will be changing their library books every Friday. This will be a book of their choice to enjoy at home. Please remember to return the book in order to be able to choose another one.

Spelling: Spellings will be given to the children every Friday and tested the following Friday. Spellings will either be focussed on a specific 'rule' or on a set of statutory words. Please also ensure your child is learning our common exception words, these are words the children need to know by the end of Year 1 and 2. There will be daily phonics and spelling lessons in school taught either by myself or Mrs Wittich.

Maths: This term we will cover a number of units in Maths this includes developing our understanding place value. Year 1 will begin with understanding how to sort objects and count them efficiently. Year 2 will begin their learning with counting in tens and learning how to be more efficient with their counting. We will also cover the following maths units, addition and subtraction and shape.

Times Tables: Children in Year Two will have two, five and ten times tables and related division facts to learn. These will be set and tested every week in our maths lessons. The activities will be set on *TT Rockstars*. This can be accessed online on a laptop or a tablet. Year 1 will be learning their times tables, later on in the year. You can begin supporting them with this by practicing counting in multiples of twos, fives and tens.

Please ensure your child completes the maths homework set each week. These activities will be set weekly in the Home School Communication book. **Parents are expected to sign to show completion of tasks.**

Science: This half term, our Science topic is *Seasonal Changes*. We will be learning all about the different seasons, and understanding what changes happen across each season.

Topic (History): Our topic is called '*we're all going on a summer holiday*'. We will be learning about what the seaside was like in the past, compared to today. We will spend time learning about what seaside trips looked like 100 years ago, the sort of things people did at the seaside, the reasons people went to the seaside and comparing the reasons to why people go today and more. We will draw on what we learned and did on our wonderful seaside trip to Southend in the summer term.

Art: We will be the sea to inspire both the use of montage and clay. During this we will study colour, line and texture.

Computing: We will be using Chromebooks in our Computing lessons. We will be learning how to stay safe online as well as exploring Purple Mash in our computing lessons.

PE: On Tuesdays, the children will be exploring the fundamental skills of balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping. They will explore these skills in isolation as well as in combination. Pupils will be given opportunities to identify areas of

strength and areas for improvement. Pupils will work collaboratively with others, taking turns and sharing ideas.

On Fridays, the children will be working on their gymnastic skills. The children will develop their physical, social, emotional and thinking skills. They will learn a wide variety of different ways they can travel, balance and jump. They will learn how to work with others to create a creative routine.

Please ensure your child has the correct clothing and footwear for PE, please also ensure these are labelled. If your child has earrings, you will need to either provide medical tape to cover them or if possible come to school on PE days without earrings. This is part of the expected health and safety procedures of primary PE requirements.

PSHE: Our Jigsaw topic this half term is: Being Me in My World. This will focus on being part of a class team; rights, responsibilities and democracy; rewards and consequences; and group decision-making. Year One will be having their Jigsaw lessons with Miss Wilson and Year Two with Mrs Bryan.

R.E: In RE this year, we will be focusing on two religions which are Christianity and Islam. Mrs Cottenden will be teaching RE.

Music: In Music, we will be learning all about raps. We will understand what pulse, rhythm and pitch is. Mrs Dear will be teaching Music.

French: We will be learning basic vocabulary in French.

Forest School: Our Forest School sessions will take place every Friday. Please ensure that children come to school dressed in their PE kit. Please also ensure your child has their wellington boots and a waterproof coat (with a hood) in school.

Talk Time: Talk Time is a session in our school, aimed to support the children in building the skills and confidence to talk to an audience. Every term, the children will prepare a 5-minute presentation at home. The presentation can be on any topic of interest to the speaker. The children can use resources such as pictures, objects or Google slides to support their presentation. There will then be a chance for the audience (the rest of the class) to ask questions and then feedback on the presentations they see. **As an important part in your child developing their computing skills, we really encourage the children to create their presentation themselves** (where necessary adults of course can provide support), this may look like the children typing on a PowerPoint slide independently, writing their own notes and so on. I look forward to listening to all of your talk times this year! The dates the children will be taking part in Talk Time this term are:

Elodie – Thursday 3rd October
Sebastian – Tuesday 8th October
Poppy – Thursday 10th October
Mia – Tuesday 15th October
Finn – Thursday 17th October
Finley – Thursday 24th October
Edward – Thursday 7th November
Ben – Thursday 14th November
Esme – Thursday 21st November
Leo – Thursday 28th November
Scarlett – Thursday 5th December
Sammie – Thursday 5th December
Bertie – Monday 9th December
Niyah - Monday 9th December

Lily – Tuesday 10th December
Finlay –Tuesday 10th December
Anya - Monday 16th December
Zoe - Monday 16th December
Alistair - Tuesday 17th December
Woody – Tuesday 17th December
Charlie - Wednesday 18th December
Elliot - Wednesday 18th December

Reminders:

It is important that your child has a **named water bottle in school every day**. This will need to be taken home at the end of the day, washed and refilled.

All children should have a pair of wellington boots which can be kept in school in the class boot rack outside.

Please ensure you name all items of clothing (including footwear) clearly. Any earrings should be small plain studs. Please make sure socks and tights are in line with our expected uniform.

Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school each week.

Home learning: Please check the Google classroom and stream regularly for announcements and home learning. Instructions around home learning will continue to be explained in the Home School Communication book. This book should be used and tasks completed, signed and commented on five times a week. We will monitor the home learning completed and use your comments to help assess progress.

There will be a chance to discuss any questions you might have on Tuesday 10th September at 2:45pm in Bysouth classroom. You will also be able to access the meeting via Google Meet using your child's G Suite account if you can't make it in person.

If you need to contact me at all, please write a message in the Home School Communication book, or send an email to a.wilson@reed.herts.sch.uk. Of course, I will also be on the playground each morning and afternoon. Please note that emails may not get a response straight away, and any emails sent in the evenings and over a weekend/holiday may not be answered until the next school day.

If you wish to come into class after school to look at your child's learning, then please feel free to email me or talk to me in person. Please let me know beforehand due to after school commitments.

Thank you for your continued support. I am looking forward to an exciting year!

Yours sincerely,
Miss Wilson

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