



"Learning Together, Learning for Life"

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Aspiration

Independence

Resilience

Respect

Welcome to The Bysouth Curriculum Letter Autumn Term 2025

Teacher: Miss Wilson

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

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 the children back to school! I'm really looking forward to this year, I have lots of exciting lessons planned, which I know the children will immerse themselves in!

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.

Please find below details of our curriculum for this term.

English:

Writing: In our writing lessons, we will begin with focusing on the story 'Toys in Space' written by Mini Grey. This story links well to our history topic on toys. We will be learning how to write descriptively and making our writing as interesting and engaging for the reader as it can be. After this, we will be looking at stories with recurring language and predictable phrasing.

Handwriting: Children in Year One will be 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. Please also encourage your child to form their letters correctly at home too!

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 the words the children need to know by the end of Year 1 and 2. This can also be found in your child's communication book. 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 spending lots of time on developing our fluency and understanding of place value, so that the children are secure and confident. 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 your child at home with this by practicing counting in multiples of twos, fives and tens to 100, forwards and backwards.

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 term, our Science topic is *Animals Including Humans*. We will be learning how to identify and describe animals. As well as discussing the basic needs of animals and humans.

Topic (History): Our new topic is 'toys through time'. We will be learning all about toys from the past and toys we play with today. We will be learning about the similarities and differences between toys.

Art: We will be using the work of Kandinsky to support our learning around colour and shape through the mediums of painting and printing.

DT: The children will explore and build freestanding structures. They will know what a structure is, look at and investigate structures in our environment. They will know how to make structures strong and stable, using construction kits for ideas, and use a wider or heavier base to make a structure more stable. They will choose materials to give strength and stability.

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

PE: On Tuesdays, the children will work on their ball skills focusing on sending and receiving.

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 topics the next two half terms are: Being Me in My World and Celebrating Difference. We will focus on being part of a class team; rights, responsibilities and democracy; rewards and consequences; and group decision-making. As well as respecting and celebrating the similarities and differences between our peers and others. Year One will be having their Jigsaw lessons with Miss Wilson and Year Two with Mrs Wittich.

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

Music: In Music, we will be looking at 'old school hip hop' music. We will be learning about pulse, rhythm and pitch. Miss Walsh will be teaching music.

French: In our French lessons, we will be learning how to greet others. We will learn how to say hello, our name, ask someone how they are feeling, respond to how you are feeling and say goodbye 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. All items need to be clearly named please.

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 the children's talk times this year! The dates the children will be taking part in Talk Time this term are:

Lily – Wednesday 1st October
Niyah – Monday 6th October
Sammie – Wednesday 8th October
Woody – Monday 13th October
Elliot – Wednesday 15th October
Charlie – Monday 20th October
Martha – Wednesday 22nd October
Alfie – Monday 3rd November
Ruby – Monday 10th November
Oscar – Wednesday 12th November
Isaac H – Monday 17th November
Esmae – Wednesday 19th November
Robin – Monday 24th November
Carly – Wednesday 26th November
Toby – Monday 1st December
William – Wednesday 3rd December
Casper – Monday 8th December
Isaac – Monday 15th December
Evie – Monday 15th 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 box 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. Please do also take the time to look at and comment with your child on what we have been doing through the Google Classroom stream. We do look at our Google Classroom page together and the children do enjoy reading each other's comments.

There will be a chance to discuss any questions you might have on **Wednesday 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

Bysouth Class Teacher
Forest School Teacher
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