



"Learning Together, Learning for Life"

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Welcome to The Bysouth Curriculum Letter Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wish you all a very warm welcome to Bysouth Class! I hope that you and your child/children have had a well-deserved break over the summer. I'm looking forward to teaching and supporting your child over the course of the year. I have lots of exciting lessons planned, which I know the children will immerse themselves in!

This curriculum letter gives you an overview of the topics and units we will be covering in the autumn term. Please have a read and if you have any questions, feel free to send me an email, speak to me in person or attend the meet the teacher meeting on Monday.

Kind Regards
Miss Wilson

Our values:

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 learning about labels, captions and lists. We will then move on to descriptive writing about special places. We will be learning how to write an accurate sentence, ensuring our sentence structure is accurate.

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! All children will be taking part in handwriting lessons throughout the week.

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 Two).

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 tested every week. Times tables 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 *Seasonal Changes*. We will be learning about the four seasons and the changes that take place across these seasons.

Topic (History): Our new topic is 'Seaside through time'. We will be learning all about the seaside in the past and how they have changed over time.

Art/DT: Mrs Wittich will be teaching art and DT. We will be using the seaside as our inspiration to colour mix and create montages, as well as work with clay to create seascapes. Later in the term, we will be using wheels and axels in DT to make model bathing machines!

Computing: We will be using Chromebooks in our Computing lessons. We will be learning how to stay safe online as well as learning how to create our own pictures.

PE: Mrs Wittich will be teaching PE on Tuesdays, the children will be working on balance, movement and jumping before moving on to develop their ball skills.

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 over 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 Islam. Mrs Cawthorn will be teaching RE.

Music: In Music, we will be learning how to rap. 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 doing their talk time in the autumn term are listed below:

Year 2:

Carly - Thursday 24th September
Robin - Monday 28th September
Esmae - Monday 28th September
Evie R - Thursday 1st October
Isaac H - Monday 5th October
Martha - Monday 5th October
Charlie - Wednesday 7th October
Ruby - Wednesday 7th October
Alfie - Thursday 8th October
William - Monday 12th October
Casper - Monday 12th October
Toby - Wednesday 14th October
Oscar - Thursday 15th October
Isaac P-M - Tuesday 20th October

Year 1:

Stevie - Tuesday 20th October
Evie F - Thursday 22nd October
Haydn - Thursday 22nd October
Isla - Monday 2nd November
George - Wednesday 4th November
Hugo - Wednesday 4th November
Frankie - Thursday 5th November
Eva - Monday 9th November
Lottie - Thursday 12th November
Wilf - Monday 16th November
Poppy - Wednesday 18th November
Lennox - Thursday 19th November
Lucas - Monday 23rd November
Jacob - Thursday 26th November

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 named 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.

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