REED FIRST SCHOOL

"Learning Together, Learning for Life"

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Welcome to The Bysouth Curriculum Letter
Spring Term 2026

Teacher: Miss Wilson

On Tuesdays, Mrs Wittich will teach the class PE. Mrs Wittich will also teach Art or DT on Wednesdays. 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,

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed spending time with your family and friends.

Please find below details of our curriculum for this 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:

Writing: In our writing lessons, we will begin with writing for a range of different purposes all linking to the theme of 'Beauty and the Beast', this is based upon the pantomime we enjoyed together. We will then move on to retelling traditional fairy tales as well as writing our own reports.

Handwriting: The children are continuing to 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 (at least 5 times a week).**

The children should be reading with or to an adult. When they are reading, please make use of the activities and questions inside the covers of the books. By reading the book and working on reading skills, the book will be kept for at least two days. Children in Year One will continue to keep 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 continue to change 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 continue to be given to the children every Friday and tested the following Friday, unless stated otherwise. Remember the quizzes in school will focus on the phonemes learnt in Year 1 and tricky words. For Mrs Wittich's spelling group, the words assessed will look for application of the spelling focus and rules taught and tricky 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. These words can be found in your child's communication book.

Maths:

This term we will cover the following units in maths: addition and subtraction within 100, multiplication and division, length and height and statistics.

Times Tables: Children in Year Two will continue to learn their two, five and ten times tables and related division facts. Times tables to learn will be set on *TT Rockstars.* This can be accessed online on a laptop or a tablet.

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 *plants*. We will be learning what plants need to survive and grow. We will also be naming and identifying a number of plants and trees.

Topic (History): Our new topic is 'Remember, Remember the 5th of November'. We will be learning all about 'The Gunpowder Plot'. We will be drawing upon the significant event which the children experience the memorial of Bonfire Night to teach the reasons for the night.

Art/DT: We are continuing our project to design, make and evaluate free standing structures by making toy playgrounds.

Later in the term, we will be drawing upon our experiences of bonfires to create 3D art using the technique of felting.

Computing: We will be covering the following units in computing: digital images, text and multimedia and coding.

PE: On Tuesdays, the class will be developing their skills to aim for and hit targets in targets games. We will also be working on our fitness.
On Fridays, we will be learning and creating dance sequences using counts and showing character and expression through movement.

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 for the next two half terms are: Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me. Year One will be having their Jigsaw lessons with Miss Wilson and Year Two with Mrs Wittich. As usual, you will be sent more detailed overviews of the content covered in advance if the units of work.

R.E: In RE this year, we will continue to learn more about Christianity and Judaism. Mrs Cottenden will be teaching RE. We are looking forward to welcoming leaders from both faiths to school to help us to learn and answer our questions.

Music: In Music, we will be looking at different styles of music and we will also be learning about pulse, rhythm and pitch. Miss Walsh will be teaching music.

French: In our French lessons, we will be learning how to count to 10 and we will also be learning how to pronounce different colours 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. Please find below the date for when your child will be doing their talk time:

Wednesday 14th January – Lily
Wednesday 21st January – Sammie
Wednesday 21st January – Niyah
Thursday 22nd January – Woody
Thursday 22nd January – Elliot
Monday 26th January – Charlie
Wednesday 28th January – Martha
Wednesday 4th February – Isaac H
Tuesday 10th February – Isaac P-M
Wednesday 11th February – William
Wednesday 11th February – Toby
Wednesday 11th February – Ruby
Thursday 12th February – Carly
Thursday 12th February – Esmae
Wednesday 25th February – Robin
Wednesday 25th February – Evie
Tuesday 3rd March - Casper

Wednesday 4th March – Oscar
Wednesday 4th March – Alfie

Reminders:

It is important that your child has a **named, transparent, sport top 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.

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 term!

Kind Regards
Miss Wilson

Bysouth Class Teacher
Forest School Teacher
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead