



“Learning Together, Learning for Life”

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Aspiration

Independence

Resilience

Respect

Welcome to The Bysouth Curriculum Letter **Spring 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's and Layton's Forest School sessions. These lessons will be music and Religious Education.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I can't quite believe where the autumn term has gone! I hope everyone has had a wonderful Christmas and you all managed to find some time to relax and enjoy the festive period with your family and friends. I'm looking forward to the term 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: We are going to begin our writing lessons by producing different pieces of writing focusing on the story Jack and the Beanstalk. We will also be focusing on Little Red Riding Hood. Later on in the term, we will be moving on to report writing and writing our own poems.

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. **Weekly spelling words will be sent home in the Home School Communication books.** 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: In maths, we will be learning about money, where we will be recognising coins and notes, we will also be combining different coins together, to make different values. Year 2, will also be learning about multiplication and division, length and height as well as mass, capacity and temperature. Year 1, will also be developing their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction, length and height and mass and volume.

Times Tables: Children in Year One and 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 *Times Table 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 half term, our Science topic is *Plants*. We will be learning about how plants grow, local plants we can find in Reed, deciduous and evergreen trees and much more!

Topic (History): We will continue our learning on Guy Fawkes.

Topic (Geography): We will be learning about a place in India, and we will be comparing this place to Reed, focusing on similarities and differences!

Art/DT: We will be working with mixed media first using inspiration from the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We will also be using our explorations from last term in design technology to create the chairs we have designed for our toys. We will then move back to art lessons and explore colour and print using the style of Wassily Kandinsky.

Computing: We will be using Chromebooks in our Computing lessons. We will use the Chromebooks to group and sort images and text, create pictures as well as look at technology outside school.

PE: On Tuesdays, the children will be working on their tag rugby skills ready for the festival in March. On Wednesdays, the children will be working on their dance skills. **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 next two Jigsaw topics for this term are: Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me. Year One will be having their Jigsaw lessons with Miss Wilson and Year Two with Ms Bryan.

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 doing the unit 'In the Groove'. We will learn how to be in the groove with different styles of music. Mrs Dear will be teaching Music.

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. I look forward to listening to all of your talk times! The dates the children will be taking part in Talk Time this term are:

Thursday 1st February: Mia H
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Monday 5th February: Frankie
Tuesday 6th February: Logan
Wednesday 7th February: Nathaniel

Monday 12th February: Su
Wednesday 14th February: Max
Thursday 15th February: Pearl

Tuesday 27th February: Sebastian
Wednesday 28th February: Lacey
Thursday 29th February: Blake

Monday 4th March: Elodie
Tuesday 5th March: Finn
Wednesday 6th March: Finley

Monday 18th March: Esme
Tuesday 19th March: Ben
Wednesday 20th March: Mia O
Thursday 21st March: Edward

Monday 25th March: Leo
Tuesday 26th March: Scarlett
Wednesday 27th March: Poppy

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. Please also comment on posts uploaded. 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, arrange a meeting via the office, 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 term!

Yours sincerely,
Miss Wilson

*Bysouth Class Teacher
Forest School Teacher*