

Bishops Down Primary School

Welcome to Beech Class!



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Class teacher -

Mrs Parks

Teaching assistants –

Mrs Cockburn (every day)

Miss McCredie (every day)

Mrs Ahmed (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

Mrs Bekesi (Monday and Wednesdays)

Miss Goodfellow (Fridays)

Mrs Nolan (every morning)

PPA cover – Mrs Silburn (Tuesday)



What is taught...

- Daily English, Maths, Phonics, reading skills, Handwriting
- Weekly – Science, RE, PSHE, PE
- ILAs (Independent Learning Activities) - Computing, Music, Art, DT, Geography/History – child initiated moving throughout the term to follow structure of ILA's as the rest of the school. ILA activities giving children the opportunity to use and apply skills learnt across the curriculum choosing how to complete the open ended tasks set by the teacher. The children have more opportunities to become independent learners and collaborate with their peers.
- Cross-curricular links are made to the Power of Reading text being read in English lessons
- Learning purposeful and links to real-life contexts
- Talking partners are changed weekly
- Forest Schools – **Term 1**

Assessments and Reporting

- Teacher Assessments will be made in Reading, Writing, Maths and Phonics at the end of every half term.
- The Year 1 Phonics Screening check to take place in June. This is a statutory requirement for Year 1 children nationwide. The purpose of this is to check the children are meeting the reading (decoding) standard required by the end of Year 1. Since the implementation of the Read Write Inc. synthetic phonics programme the pass rate has been an amazing 100% in 2016 and 97% in 2017. Further information is available on the school website.
- Two Parent Consultations and Reports dates to follow.



The Learning Journey....

Term 1

A Toy's Tale

- In Autumn term 1 we will be exploring toys from the past to the present. We have the Tunbridge Wells museum visiting us with toys from the Victorian times and we will discuss how they have changed over time. The children will be linking this to the toys they play with and see how they are either the same or different. Our text for the term is The Jolly Postman.
- **Stunning Start**
- We will begin our learning journey with a visit from the museum to look at Victorian toys.
- **Marvellous Middle**
- We will be sharing our favourite toys from home.
- **Fantastic Finish**
- We will finish our learning journey with a teddy bears picnic.

Home Learning...

- 10 minutes daily reading.
- Weekly spellings.
- Big Maths, Beat That!
- A phonics sound sheet is sent home daily for your child to practise the sound of the day. Please refer to the website links to practise reading sounds at home and further information about how we teach phonics at Bishops Down.



Spellings

Week 1
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Expectations...

- Presentation
- Positive Behaviour
- Independent and collaborative learners





End of Year One Presentation Expectations:

- To write using the correct and efficient pencil grip
- To form letters correctly using the RWI letter patten in a pre-cursive style
- To write on the line

Yearly Overview

A Toy's Tale — The Jolly Postman

Food, Glorious Food — The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle — 10 Things I Can do to Help My World

The Big Smoke — Claude in the City

Green Fingers — The Bog Baby

All Creatures Great and Small — The Snail and the Whale

Reminders...

- Please ensure all your children's belongings are named.
- If your child is late can you please report them to the office and a member of staff will bring them over.
- Please use the main gate to bring your child in the morning and refrain from using the side gate.
- Children are not meant to bring toys in from home as they act as a distraction to the others. Please could you help us by reinforcing this at home.
 - Forest school is in Term 1.

Please can your child bring...

- A coat and water bottle every day
- Reading book and diary – books will be changed on Monday and Thursday every week but please ensure books are brought in to school everyday so that we can hear them read.



Communication...

- Drop in session Monday 3.15pm – 4pm
- Please inform the office of any absence and alternative pick up arrangements
- Emails sent directly to the school office



Finally.....

- If you have any skills that link to our learning journeys and would like to come in and share these with the children please let me know so that we can arrange a time for you to come in.
- If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and see me during my drop-in sessions on Mondays from 3:15-4pm.
- Thank you!