



Bentley Heath CE Primary School

Half Termly Learning Overview for Summer Term 1

Year 6



English		Maths		Science		Religious Education	
<p>Our key texts in English this half term are: <i>Archie's War</i> by Marcia Williams and <i>The Piano</i>, a visual text by Aiden Gibbons</p> <p>During this half term, we will be looking at <i>The Piano</i>, a short film by Aidan Gibbons. The film supports higher level thinking and writing skills through an inspiring and emotive visual text. The subject matter provides the opportunity to develop reader responses and reflections of complex and mature themes. Through the reading of <i>Archie's War</i> to accompany the film, and looking at real letters from WW1, the children will write a letter and produce a piece of flashback writing based on the film. Children will focus on drawing inferences, such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions and justifying with evidence; using semicolons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses; and using a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs.</p>		<p>This half term's Maths will see pupils completing units on statistics, in which they will focus on pie charts, and calculating 'mean' numbers when interrogating data. They will also be learning about 'shape' which will focus specifically on angles. In our angles work we will be studying how to use a protractor accurately to measure acute and obtuse angles. We will also focus on angles around a point. This means developing our factual knowledge of the angles on opposing planes and the angles in a straight line when bisected by 1 or more lines. We will also be undergoing revision ready for SAT tests, revisiting content from the year to date.</p>		<p>In the first half term pupils will be completing their topic of 'Evolution and inheritance.' This topic sees the children build on prior biology knowledge from the topic of classification and their earlier studies on fossils. In this half term they will explore the concept of genetic development and inheritance of species, relating back to work on adaptation they have done. Children will use investigative and practical science skills to draw conclusions about phenomena and use these to further their understanding of the development of species.</p>		<p>This half term we will be studying the concept of 'Agape' - the meaning of 'Christian Love,' differentiating from the common understanding of the word 'love.' This concept is threaded throughout the bible, and explores the meaning of sacrifice, forgiveness, trust and care.</p>	
Music		Geography		Art		French	
<p>This half term we will be learning the song 'Kis nay Banaayaa'. This song from India and Pakistan explores how our world, and the different creatures that inhabit it, came into existence. This version of the song has been arranged in 3 parts and will support pupils to develop the skills of singing in harmony. Additionally, during this Unit, we will learn to play an instrumental accompaniment on tuned percussion and compose a soundscape for some of the creatures in the world.</p>		<p>This enquiry on 'The Importance of Mountains' introduces pupils to the physical and human importance of a biome that covers one-fifth of the world's land surface. We will look at the key concepts of physical geography such as plate tectonics and the formation of different rock types, as well as erosion and geological deep time.</p>		<p>This unit of work is entitled 'still life.' We will be exploring perspective and negative images in a range of media, using the concept of 'still life' to focus on art and drawing skills. Pupils will be able to work in a range of media including charcoal, pencil and pastels, and will learn about pressure, blending and grading in their drawing.</p>		<p>During this half term children will acquire the phrasing to ask for and give the time in French. They will learn to say activities that happen at predictable times of the day which will lead to a piece of writing about their typical day. They will interpret a French school timetable, describing when lessons start and finish.</p>	
Personal, Social & Health Education		Physical Education		Computing		How you can help your child at home	
<p>Within our PSHE lessons this half term, we will be covering topics that help us understand relationships. We will develop our understanding of how it feels to have people in our lives that are special to us and how these relationships can change over time. We will discuss strategies to manage feelings associated with loss and think about the different stages of grief.</p>		<p>During this half term we will be undertaking Physical Education work on Tennis, looking at ball control skills, positioning on the court and on the skills of placing shots and outwitting opponents. We begin with collaborative play, and work towards competitive work, culminating in full match play rules. Indoor work will be based on agility and footwork, where pupils work to improve game positioning in various game systems, supporting both their performance and skill choices in wider games like Tennis, basketball and football.</p>		<p>This half term's focus is on 'quizzing' and pupils will learn to develop quiz like applets for exploring knowledge. They will apply learnt skills to be able to develop the software and will also apply thinking and reasoning about their target audience to produce age-appropriate content and levels of complexity.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pupils should revise regularly for their tests with a 'little and often' approach. Resources are available on the TEAMS site, in the 'files' section, under classroom resources. ✓ Pupils should read regularly and occasionally this should be reading aloud to someone to improve fluency. ✓ Practise multiplication and division tables. ✓ Continue to use the revision grammar books for practice. ✓ Practise weekly spellings. ✓ Expect a high standard of presentation and effort in any work they do at home. ✓ Ensure they have access to Microsoft Teams and to Purple Mash and SPAG.com 	