



Bentley Heath CE Primary School

Half Termly Learning Overview for Summer Term 1

Year 3



English		Maths		Science		Religious Education	
<p>Our key texts in English this half term are: <i>The Promise</i> by Nicola Davies and <i>The Tear Thief</i> by Carol Ann Duffy</p> <p>Throughout our unit on 'The Promise', the children will make inferences and predictions based on the text. They will have opportunities to explore the features of a diary and develop their use of fronted adverbials. Their writing outcome will be a diary entry, through which they will summarise events, drafting and editing their writing to compose their final piece. The children will then explore 'The Tear Thief', focusing on rich vocabulary, effective similes, drama through the use of freeze frames, features of persuasive posters, modal verbs, formatting a poster and writing to persuade the reader.</p>		<p>In Maths, the children will continue to develop their understanding of unit and non-unit fractions. The children will learn about 'a whole' and use vocabulary <i>numerator</i> and <i>denominator</i> to demonstrate their understanding. Within learning about fractions the children will learn to compare and order fractions and add and subtract fractions. Pupils will also begin a unit on 'time' where they will recap their understanding of <i>o'clock</i> and <i>half past</i> and learn how to tell the time to 5 minutes. The children will investigate different ways to measure time and answer problem solving questions which involve time durations.</p>		<p>In Science, the children will be learning about Plants. They will identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants as well as exploring the requirements of plants for life and growth. The children will investigate the way in which water is transported within plants and learn about the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.</p>		<p>In RE, the children will be discussing the symbols associated with Pentecost and what they represent. The children will explore how Pentecost is celebrated and consider the feelings experienced by the disciples when the Holy Spirit came down to them. The children will think of how they can demonstrate the different gifts of; trustfulness, goodness, patience, love, peace, kindness and create their own prayer linked to Pentecost.</p>	
Music		Geography		Art and Design		French	
<p>The children will continue to learn their stringed instrument with the teachers from Solihull Music Service.</p>		<p>Through the topic of Contrasting Climates, the children will be encouraged to reflect upon how climate has such an important influence upon landscapes, plants, animals and human activity on Earth. They will use a range of geographical skills throughout their learning to enable them to better understand the relationship between climate and living things and also to introduce them to the concept of biomes. The children will compare and contrast rainfall in different climates and use the data to help draw conclusions and make judgements about locations around the world.</p>		<p>During the half term the children will be developing their observational drawing and sketching skills. They will have the opportunity to bring in a favourite soft toy from home to base their drawings on. The children will use their observations to sketch the basic shape outlines using the natural movement of the wrist before finally adding in details.</p>		<p>The topic this half term in French will be 'Family & Friends'. The children will learn how to identify and introduce family and pets and spell their names. They will also learn the names for places in their own home.</p>	
Personal, Social & Health Education		Physical Education		Computing		How you can help your child at home	
<p>This half term the children will be discussing the theme of 'Relationships'. They will identify the roles and responsibilities of family members and reflect on gender expectations. The children will explore the role of being a good friend and put into practice some of the skills of friendship e.g. taking turns and being a good listener. The children will share strategies for keeping safe online. They will be taught that their needs and rights are shared by children around the world and identify how their lives may be different.</p>		<p>In outdoor PE this half term, the children will begin their Tri-Golf coaching sessions in preparation for the Tri-Golf Festival in July. During Indoor PE, the children will be developing their fundamental movement skills. They will be practising sending and receiving different sized balls to improve their accuracy. The children will explore using double and single handed catches to throw balls and to collect the rebounds.</p>		<p>In Computing this half term, the children will explore the use of Spreadsheets and learn how to represent data in a variety of ways. The children will create tables to enter data and begin to use simple functions to complete calculations. The children will also learn how to describe the position of a cell within a given spreadsheet.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Read to your child each day and encourage them to read aloud. ✓ Encourage children to summarise key points about a book or chapter that they have read. ✓ Encourage your child to question new vocabulary when reading. ✓ Support your child to research the British History and the family tree of Queen Elizabeth II. ✓ Practise throwing and catching different sized balls. Encourage your child to attempt single-handed catches using either hand. ✓ Teach your child to juggle. ✓ Take the opportunity to locate different countries around the world and identify which continent they are part of. ✓ Invite your child to help plant flowers in the garden, taking time to discuss the different parts (roots, stem, leaf, flower etc.) and their functions. ✓ Log onto TT Rockstars regularly – Recap 2, 3, 5 and 10 x tables and practise 4, 8 and 6 x tables 	