



A message from Miss Hawkins

Welcome back to a brand-new year at Bearwood!

I'm SO excited for the new academic year. Please don't hesitate to ask any questions that you might have ☺

Writing

In Writing, we will focus on crafting setting descriptions inspired by the novel Holes. Alongside this, we will continue to develop pupils' foundational writing skills, including the accurate use of capital letters, spelling and handwriting. We will also introduce new grammatical concepts, such as using modal verbs and subordinate clauses to enhance the quality of their writing.

Science

Our Science topic this half term is 'lifecycles'. We will understand the main processes in the lives of: plants, mammals, amphibians, birds and insects.

Computing

We will be learning how to create and edit videos! We will learn about the features of different video recording devices, as well as what makes good video content.

Reading

In our daily reading sessions, we will use a wide range of texts to develop different reading skills. These skills will include making predictions, inferring, summarising, retrieving, checking for sense, asking questions and taking part in discussion.

We will also develop our reading fluency via 'reading theatre' sessions where we will focus on skills such as pace and expression.

Geography

This half term, children will be learning about South America. They will learn to:

- Use maps to locate the countries within South America.
- Use maps, atlases and globes to study the environmental region
- Locate major cities.
- Compare human and physical characteristics of South America to those in the Falkland Islands.

Art

In art, we will explore themes and colour of traditional Chinese art including dragons. We will understand the importance of brushstrokes in Chinese art and have a go at replicating Chinese calligraphy.

Maths

This term in Maths we will be exploring the place value of numbers up to 1,000,000. We will compare and order numbers and learn how to round to the nearest 10, 1000, 10000 and 100000.

After that, we will develop our understanding of addition and subtraction – including mental strategies and formal column methods. We'll then use this knowledge to solve multi-step problems.

PSHE

Maple 1 will be learning about our emotional needs and why they are important. We'll learn what it means to be 'assertive' and how to stand up for ourselves.

RE

In RE this term, we will look at sacrifice, in particular, Sikhism Beliefs and practices – and asking, "How far will a Sikh go for their religion?"