



A message from Mr Rockstar

Welcome back to a brand-new year at Bearwood. We hope that you had a fantastic, fun-filled summer holiday and that the children are eager to get started on their new learning.

Writing

In writing, we will focus on developing descriptive language inspired by *Wild Boy*. Pupils will practise crafting vivid setting and character descriptions, using expanded noun phrases, figurative language, and precise vocabulary to create atmosphere and engage the reader. They will learn how to build detail through careful word choices and sentence structure, helping them to bring scenes to life. This will develop their ability to plan, draft, and refine descriptive writing effectively.

Science

This unit will focus on classifying living things based on similar and different characteristics. They will learn about different living groups such as microorganisms.

Computing

The children will consider the capabilities of smartphones and the internet and learn about some of their many uses. We will develop our skills of using the internet for research.

Reading

In reading, we will be using a reading theatre approach, where pupils perform a range of carefully chosen extracts aloud. This helps to develop fluency, expression, and confidence, as pupils focus on using their voice to bring characters and dialogue to life. Throughout these sessions, pupils will also deepen their understanding by discussing language, tone, and meaning, supporting both comprehension and engagement with the texts.

History

This half-term, History will focus on the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons including their struggle for the control of Britain up until 1066. We will cover the Viking invasions, settlements, trade and first Kings of England.

DT

This D.T unit will be on cooking burgers. The children will learn about how we can make healthy options with food by considering the calorie content.

Maths

This term in Maths we will be exploring the place value of numbers. We will then move onto the four operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and subtraction. As always, we will be teaching these concepts through a range of fluency, reasoning and problem-solving tasks.

Music

In this unit the children will develop their drumstick and rhythm skills as we play along to the beat of music. We will also continue to develop our listening skills to identify instruments used.

RE

We will look at Islam, where we will think about the 'Big Question': It is a Muslims duty to pray to Allah five times each day? We will learn about the 5 pillars of Islam to help us understand the world we live in.