



# Curriculum Newsletter

Bramham Shadwell Federation

Class 3 - September 2021



All our learning in class this half term will be focused around the question:

**What makes a good global citizen?**

## English

- English work will develop **narrative** skills through exploration of descriptive language and rich illustrations.
- Children will use a variety of **dramatic techniques** to explore the issues within the stories we have read.
- Grammatical terminology will be revised through identifying **adjectives, adverbs** and **nouns** within the texts; building on children's understanding of **adverbs** and **prepositions** as an introduction to the expectations of Key Stage Two grammar.
- Children will use **co-ordinating conjunctions** to join sentences in different ways, learning about when to use different conjunctions to link ideas.
- The texts we will focus on are:** Stories which pose questions about being a good citizen within a familiar setting - **The Tin Forest** by Helen Ward and **Lost Happy Endings** by Carol Ann Duffy.
- The outcome will be:** to write an alternative ending for a story which contains descriptive language and a variety of sentence types.



## Maths

- Children will focus on identifying the **place value of numbers up to 1000**.
- Pupils will learn how to compose and decompose numbers, compare, order and look for patterns for **3-digit numbers**.
- We will be focusing on developing reasoning and problem solving skills through hands-on experiences using a range of practical equipment to help partition numbers into **hundreds, tens** and **ones**.
- Later in the term, children will develop **calculation** methods for **addition** and **subtraction**. Children will begin with simple **mental addition** (e.g.  $353 + 100 / 249 + 110$ ) before moving on to addition where **renaming** is required ( $353 + 109$ ).
- Simple **mental subtraction** will be a focus in a similar way before moving to subtraction where renaming is required e.g.  $108 - 19$ .
- Once pupils have mastered mental addition and subtraction, they will focus on **problem solving** questions and be introduced to the formal **column method**.
- Each Friday, there will be a **times tables challenge** where children can challenge themselves to beat the clock.
- At home, the children will be able to access place value work on **Mathletics** to reinforce their learning in school.



### How can I help / information for helping:

Discuss vocabulary with your child from their reading book – paying particular attention to red, orange and green words for your child. Encourage children to answer questions using the bookmarks given such as “Why did the author choose this word?”

**What are fronted adverbials?** Children should know an adverb can modify a verb, adverb, or adjective and can tell “how”, “where”, “why”, or “when.” A fronted adverbial is a word or phrase at the beginning of a sentence which modifies the verb. A fronted adverb is often followed by a comma: **Surprisingly**, the old man lived alone. **Just before lunch**, a visitor appeared in the branches of the tree.

**What do children learn about prepositions?** A preposition is a word such as **after, in, to, on,** and **with**. Prepositions are usually used in front of nouns or pronouns and show the relationship between the noun or pronoun and other words in a sentence. The girl stood **near to** the tree. A noise came from **under** the stairs.

**What will children learn about conjunctions?** A conjunction is a word used to connect sentences. Children will initially focus on **FAN BOYS (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so)** to join two sentences which make sense independently of each other.

### How can I help / information for Helping:

Practice and rehearse mental calculations. Using apparatus such as coins can be helpful e.g.  $20p + 50p / 50p - 10p$ .

**Renaming:** Children are taught that calculations sometimes require a number to be renamed by regrouping the digits e.g.  $9 + 3 = 11$  could also be 10 and 1. This enables children to build the concept of where to rename a column during more complex calculations.



### KIRF Target – Autumn Term 1

I can count on and back in 10s and 1s from any 2-digit number:

23, 33, 43, 53.....  
97, 87, 77, 67 .....  
86, 87, 88, 89 .....  
54, 53, 52, 51 .....



**Encourage** children to count and calculate mentally – for example when paying for items in shops or asking them to count in a specific way during a game of hide and seek.

**Discuss** numbers in the world around us with a specific focus on the place value of three digit numbers.

Topic	SITE	P.E
<p><b>Focus:</b> What makes a good global citizen?' is the overarching question with a focus on the geography of the United Kingdom.</p> <p><b>Skills / Knowledge to be developed:</b> Identifying and naming cities and counties and physical landscape features across the countries of the UK. Children will begin to develop atlas skills and will engage with discussions about citizenship.</p> <p><b>Art links:</b> Children will look at the work of landscape collage artists Eileen Downes and Megan Coyle before creating their own collage.</p>  <p><b>Applied through:</b> Geography / English / Maths / Art</p>	<p><b>Focus:</b> Children will use observational and investigative work to develop understanding of magnetic attraction and repulsion. They will then apply their knowledge of magnets and forces to create a magnetic toy for children in Class R.</p>  <p><b>Skills / knowledge to be developed:</b> developing scientific knowledge of forces and magnets. Develop and design a simple toy simulation online using computer coding and debugging skills.</p> <p><b>Applied through:</b> This half term's SITE Project: Making a magnetic toy for children in Class R and a simple electronic simulation using Scratch computing coding software.</p>	<p><b>Focus:</b> Striking &amp; Fielding and Orienteering. Children will be taught <b>PE on Thursday morning</b> by Mr Brotherton. Children should come into school in their PE kits and bring their school uniform to change into before the afternoon.</p> <p><b>Skills / knowledge to be developed:</b> Children will focus on improving their throwing, catching and fielding skills. We will work on hand eye-co-ordination and tactical scenarios in games. For orienteering, children will learn to problem solve in a competitive environment and use logical thinking to plan efficient strategies. These challenges will involve working together to build resilience.</p> <p><b>Applied through:</b> Children will develop their techniques through individual skill work and team challenges.</p>
<p><b>How can I help / information for Helping:</b> Art work will be created by reusing old magazines and coloured paper. <b><u>If you have any catalogues, brochures or magazines at home which could be recycled to create our art work, then we would be most grateful for any donations.</u></b></p>	<p><b>How can I help / information for Helping:</b> Use any magnetic toys that children have and discuss how they work using scientific vocabulary. Discuss different materials that might be magnetic and why.</p>	<p><b>How can I help / information for Helping</b> Please ensure that children have both an outdoor and indoor kit in school (including trainers) for the whole week as other indoor and outdoor sessions might take place at alternative times.</p>

French	Music	PSHE / MindMate	R.E.
<p><b>Focus is:</b> exploring conversation skills such as greetings. Recognising and using numbers to ten.</p> <p><b>Skills / knowledge to be developed:</b> using key vocabulary in conversational skills to answer questions such as "Comment t'appelles-tu?"</p> <p><b>Applied through:</b> Speaking and listening games and completing role play activities.</p>	<p><b>Focus is:</b> Exploring how music is created. A focus on appreciation of musical styles (R&amp;B) and how music can be a part of a person's identity.</p> <p><b>Skills / knowledge to be developed:</b> They will play games to develop their understanding of the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch, etc).</p> <p><b>Applied through:</b> Discrete class teaching.</p>	<p><b>Focus is:</b> Mindmate work will focus on understanding and expressing our feelings as well as ways to calm down when experiencing strong emotions. Understanding that there are helpful drugs and harmful drugs with a focus on asthma and laws around smoking.</p> <p><b>Skills / knowledge to be developed:</b> Children will develop an awareness of helpful drugs such as those used by people with asthma.</p> <p><b>Applied through:</b> Discussion / Circle time / debate</p>	<p><b>Focus:</b> Exploring key customs and beliefs of the Jewish faith and how ideas about God are expressed in stories, celebrations and action.</p> <p><b>Skills / knowledge to be developed:</b> Understanding of the Torah as a sacred text and the weekly celebration of Shabbat.</p> <p><b>Applied through:</b> Learning about customs of festivals will be applied through written work and art.</p>

<p><b>How can I help / information for Helping:</b>  <b>Number vocabulary:</b> un, deux, trois, quatre, cinq, six, sept, huit, neuf, dix,  <b>Conversation vocabulary:</b> Comment t'appelle-tu? Ca va? Comme ci comme ca, ca va bien, ca va mal, au revoir</p>	<p><b>How can I help / information for Helping:</b>  Encourage children to appreciate the music of different cultures and recognise the different instruments played during songs.</p>	<p><b>How can I help / information for Helping:</b>  Discuss the importance of using medicines safely.  Children will discuss life skills including self-awareness, self-regulation, motivation, empathy and social skills linking to the topic of being a good citizen.</p>	<p><b>How can I help / information for Helping:</b>  Use news articles to discuss religious festivals.   Ask children how their own experiences compare with the celebrations during religious festivals.</p>
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Homework	Any Other Information / Dates for the Diary
<p><b><u>Ongoing Homework</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reading:</b> a <u>minimum</u> of 15 minutes reading every night (logged by the children and noted in their homework diary).</li> <li><b>KIRF target:</b> See additional KIRF sheet.</li> <li><b>Times Tables:</b> Homework Log Sheet (this will be stuck into your child's homework diary on a Friday).</li> <li><b>Mathletics:</b> Use Mathletics to revisit prior learning and learn new skills (aim: 1000 points+ per week). This is set by the teacher relating to learning done in school.</li> <li><b>Spellings:</b> learn their spelling list given. <i>Please see the class teacher if your child has not received a spelling list.</i> If you could spend time over the practising these with your child, it would be greatly appreciated.</li> <li>On your spelling sheet, there is also handwriting opportunities as well as ideas and challenges to support you with your spelling practice at home.</li> </ul> <p><b>Please continue to log children's progress with these activities on the weekly homework sheet – children earn House Points for each part that is fully completed. The homework log will now be stuck into your child's reading record.</b></p> <p><b><u>Maths / English Homework</u></b>  Homework is given out on a Thursday, to be returned the following Tuesday.</p> <p><b>Please encourage your children to discuss their homework at home in order that they develop the skills of explanation and reasoning.</b></p> <p>Children will be set a Learning Log activity once during every half term. This will be related to the Enriched Curriculum. On weeks when this is set, it will replace the Maths and English homework.</p>	<p><b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b> - Individual Photos  <b>Week commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b> - Parent Consultations  <b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b> – Training Day</p>  <p><b><u>Independent Reading Books</u></b>  As it is difficult to share books from our reading corner at the moment, we would like to invite the children to bring a book which they can use for quiet reading time in class. The children will keep this in their drawer and bring home when they have finished. This should be something that the children enjoy reading and can be books that they have read before. Please ensure that it is named.</p> <p><b><u>Water Bottles</u></b>  Please ensure that your child has a <u>named</u> water bottle in school every day. They must remember to take it home every evening to wash the bottle and bring it in to school already full. This will ensure that the bottles are kept clean and germ-free for the children's use each day.</p> <p><b><u>Pencil Cases</u></b>  Please also encourage your child to leave their school pencil case in their trays on a daily basis to avoid children forgetting to bring them back each morning. They just need a small pencil case with the items of the list given by school including a glue stick.</p> <p>To keep our children safe, please can we politely ask that you refrain from using the school field and climbing equipment after school and please leave the grounds as quickly as possible.</p>  <p>We encourage you to follow our school Twitter account @BramhamShadwell. We regularly post updates and photographs of what your children are learning in class alongside other important school information, reminders and updates.</p>

Thank you, as always, for your continuous help and support. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

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