



# Curriculum Newsletter

Bramham Shadwell Federation  
Class 1 September – October 2021



All our learning in class this half term will be focused around the question:  
**'What makes a good global citizen?'**

## English

- In English this half term we will be focusing on writing sentences independently. In particular the children will be encouraged to remember:
  - To begin their sentences with a capital letter
  - To leave clear finger spaces between words
  - To form their letters correctly and position them accurately on the line
  - To use a full stop at the end of a sentence
  - To orally rehearse their sentences and to reread to check for errors
- The children will continue to have a daily Phonics session. This half term we will be revising Phase 3 sounds and tricky words as well as continuing to revise the Phase 2 sounds and words.
- Reading books will be sent home every Tuesday and Friday and every child will read to an adult at least once per week in school.
- We will also explore our class texts through role play opportunities to further develop the children's speaking and listening skills.

**The text we will focus on is:** The Queen's Hat

**The outcome will be:** To write instructions to help the Queen catch her flyaway hat.

### How can I help / information for Helping

- Whilst listening to your child read, ask questions to check their comprehension.
- Encourage them to use the punctuation to aid their expression as they read.
- When your child writes at home, encourage them to use the correct letter formation.
- Read a range of books to your child.
- Please write in your child's reading record when you have listened to them read and let us know if you have finished the book.

## Maths

- This half term the children will be consolidating their understanding of numbers to 10. Children will be able to count both forwards and backwards from any given number and compare quantities using 'more than/ less than'.
- We will also continue to learn number bonds within numbers to 10 to create addition and subtraction number sentences.
- Children will use a range of equipment such as 10 frames, counters, numicon and part-part-whole models to support their understanding of new ideas.
- We will begin to introduce addition and subtraction symbols when writing number sentences and apply the term 'equal' (or is the same amount as) when comparing quantities.
- The children will continue to develop their problem solving skills by using a range of methods to understand and solve word problems.
- To support the children's understanding of new concepts, we will be using the areas of enhanced provision to extend their learning independently. The children will have regular access to the 'maths area' in the classroom, as well as applying their maths skills to cross-curricular maths problems.
- The children will be able to access Mathletics, a super on line maths learning resource, this year. They will be receiving their log in details shortly.

### How can I help / information for Helping

Sharing number rhymes and songs together such as; 10 in the bed, 5 currant buns etc.  
Using the language of "more" and "less" in practical situations.  
Making number sentences during daily activities – eg "You have 6 grapes, if I give you 3 more that is 6 add 3 equals?"


### KIRF Targets – Autumn Term 1

- Count up to 20
- Count on and back to 20
- One more than and one less than numbers up to 10
- Add and subtract one digit numbers to 10, including zero.

Topic	Science	P.E
<p><b>Focus is:</b> Queen and Country</p> <p><b>Skills / knowledge to be developed:</b> This half term in history we will be learning about HRH Queen Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will learn about her coronation and about the Royal family. In geography we will be learning about the four countries of the United Kingdom and the names of the seas which surround the UK.</p>	<p><b>Focus is:</b> Materials</p> <p><b>Skills / knowledge to be developed:</b> Sorting materials into different types. Describing the properties of different materials.</p> <p><b>Applied through:</b> The children will investigate a range of materials through different experiments and will determine which materials are best suited to specific purposes.</p>	<p><b>Focus is:</b> Throwing, catching and kicking</p> <p><b>Skills / knowledge to be developed:</b> Individual ball skills and team games</p> <p><b>Applied through:</b> Children will develop their techniques to enhance their co-ordination and ball skills during <b>outdoor</b> PE sessions.</p>
<p><b>How can I help / information for Helping</b></p> <p>Look at a map of the U.K and find Leeds and London. Can you find England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland? Locate areas you may have visited together on holidays.</p> <p>Discuss the Royal family and look out for interesting news stories about the Queen. Talk about where the Queen lives and what her various residences are called.</p>	<p><b>How can I help / information for Helping</b></p> <p>Discuss with your child the different properties of everyday materials you come across.</p> <p>Go on a material hunt and try to find the best materials to make a shelter with.</p>	<p><b>How can I help / information for Helping</b></p> <p>Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit every <b>Wednesday</b>.</p> <p>As we head into autumn and the weather becomes more changeable, please ensure that children are wearing kit appropriate to the weather conditions on that particular day.</p>

Music	PSHE / MindMate	R.E.
<p><b>Focus is:</b> Listening to and appraising a range of musical styles.</p> <p><b>Skills / knowledge to be developed:</b> Children will listen to music in a range of different genres and discuss how the music makes them feel, what they can hear, whether they like or dislike it and why.</p>	<p><b>Focus is:</b> Identity, society and equality: Me and others.</p> <p><b>Skills / knowledge to be developed:</b> Children will explore and discuss what makes themselves and others special and learn about how we are the same and how we are all different. We will talk about the roles and responsibilities of different people both at school and at home. We will make links throughout the curriculum about how to work co-operatively and reflect upon our class question, 'What makes a good global citizen?'</p> <p><b>Applied through:</b> Discussion / Circle time / debate</p>	<p><b>Focus is:</b> Special books</p> <p><b>Skills / knowledge to be developed:</b> Children will share their own special books and learn about the special books of different faiths.</p> <p><b>Applied through:</b> Discussion / Circle time / debate</p>

<p><b>How can I help / information for Helping</b> Listening to different styles of music in the home, sharing your favourite songs and discussing why you like them.</p>	<p><b>How can I help / information for Helping</b> Encourage children to talk about activities that they enjoy in and out of school. Discuss ways of being a good friend.</p>	<p><b>How can I help / information for Helping</b> What special books do you have at home? Why are they special?</p>
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<b>Homework</b>	<b>Any Other Information / Dates for the Diary</b>
<p><b><u>Ongoing Homework</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reading:</b> We would encourage all children in KS1 to read for 15 minutes each day. <b><u>(please log what they have read in their reading record)</u></b></li> <li>• <b>KIRF target:</b> See Maths</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Maths / English Homework</u></b> Homework is sent on a Thursday evening. The homework will comprise of a maths or English activity together with a phonics sound of the week activity and should be returned to school the following Tuesday.</p> <p><b><u>Mathletics:</u></b> In addition children will be able to complete Mathletics challenges online at home. Children will be rewarded with online points and if they get 1000 points they will receive a certificate at the start of the next week. Your child's log in for Mathletics will be sent home shortly. If you have any questions about how to use this resource please don't hesitate to ask.</p>	<p><b>Individual Photos - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Flu Immunisation – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Parents Consultation Meetings – w/c Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b></p>  <p>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>

Thank you, as always, for your continuous help and support. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us or make an appointment at the office to arrange a meeting after school.

Mrs Barrett and Miss Greenwood

