



# Curriculum Newsletter

Bramham Shadwell Federation  
Class 4 September - October 2023



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

## English

- Grammar, punctuation and spelling activities will be an integral part of our English programme as we initially focus on **sentence structure and the basic skill of forming a sentence accurately**.
- In our lesson starters, we will revisit some key Year 3 objectives such as how to **use informal language and punctuation marks**.
- We will look at **improving** and **expanding** noun phrases with **advanced adjectives** to make our writing more descriptive by either adding an adjective or replacing the noun. We will encourage the use of a thesaurus.
- We will **identify the features of a postcard** and discuss how we can use them in our work and what purpose they serve.
- **The outcome will be:** to write a postcard, using real-life experiences and the features explored.
- Our cross-curricular piece will be **a newspaper article based on Walter Tull as part of our Black History Month teaching**.



## Maths

- In lesson starters, we will consolidate our understanding of key Year 3 **place value skills** by reading, writing, ordering and vocalising three digit numbers. We will then look at key Year 4 place value objectives focusing on four digit numbers.
- Next, we will apply our knowledge of **partitioning numbers** and we will learn more **formal methods of addition and subtraction**.
- We will then apply our skills to solve word problems and open ended problems involving place value and learn to **explain, convince others** and **justify our findings** using specific vocabulary: *I am certain that..., I think..., because..., I know that ..., so ..., this must be ...*
- By the end of Year 4, we expect the children to know **multiplication and division facts up to the 12 times table** for use in calculations.
- At home, you can use **Times Table Rock Stars** to enhance and develop your child's knowledge and understanding of timestables.
- Additionally, the KIRF target is outlined below; please help your child achieve this target.



### How can I help / information for Helping

Discuss the features of a postcard and what purpose they serve. Talk about the different audiences and share any postcards you have at home.

#### What are improved/expanded noun phrases?

Improving a noun phrase by addition or replacement.

By adding an adjective:

The **beautiful** butterfly

Or by replacing the noun:

The beautiful **cabbage white**... <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3nfw6f>

### How can I help / information for helping

*If they know 2 number bonds to 100, can they tell you 3?*

*How do number bonds to 10 help with number bonds to 100?*




*How many questions can they answer in 90 seconds?*

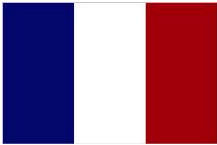



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### KIRF Target – Autumn Term 1

I know number bonds to 100.

The secret to success is practising **little** and **often**. Use time wisely. Can you practise these KIRFs while walking to school or during a car journey? You don't need to practise them all at once: perhaps you could have a fact of the day. If you would like more ideas, please speak to your child's teacher.

Topic – Geography	SITE	P.E
<p><b>Focus:</b> ‘Locational Knowledge.’ We will identify the location of different <b>countries in Europe</b> and learn about the <b>equator, Northern and Southern Hemispheres</b>. We will also look at <b>mountains, rivers and volcanoes located in Europe</b>.</p> <p><b>Skills/Knowledge to be developed:</b> Children will have the opportunity to <b>use atlases</b> and <b>develop their map reading skills</b> by identifying the location of European countries and cities. They will also use an atlas to identify the location of the main European rivers, mountains and volcanoes and learn about their key features.</p>  <p><b>Applied through:</b> Geography/ English /Maths /Art</p>	<p><b>Focus:</b> Sound and creating a musical instrument.</p> <p><b>Skills / knowledge to be developed:</b> Children will look at ‘<b>Sound</b>’ in Science, <b>identifying that vibrations</b> make sounds and they will investigate how to alter the <b>pitch and volume of different instruments</b>.</p> <p>In DT, the children will design and create a musical instrument. They will apply their scientific knowledge about sound to help them understand <b>how materials will need to be used and adapted to create their instrument</b>.</p> <p>In computing, the children will begin a coding computer science module <b>using Espresso</b>.</p>  <p><b>Applied through:</b> Science/DT/Computing</p>	<p><b>Focus:</b> Swimming and Invasion Games (Football).</p> <p><b>Skills / knowledge to be developed:</b> In swimming, children will build confidence in different strokes and swimming independently. In Football, children will focus on improving their fundamental skills, spatial awareness and apply these in game situations.</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> Talk with your child about how the world is changing due to a growth in population and the effects of global warming. Ask them if they can name the capital cities of some of the main European countries etc.</p>	<p><b>How can I help / information for Helping</b> <b>Help your child collect the materials they will need to make their musical instrument.</b> Talk with your child about the different sounds they can hear at home or outside and how they differ around the world. Ask them what is vibrating to produce the sound. Discuss how loud sounds can damage the ear drum and your hearing. Discuss different musical instruments they could create in DT.</p>	<p><b>How can I help / information for Helping</b> Children will be taught <b>PE on Thursday afternoon</b> by Miss Harding. Children should come into school in their PE kits. 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. Please could they bring a pair of shin pads for Football lessons (if there are any problems getting a pair please contact the office). <b>Swimming will be every Monday</b>. Please refer to the swim letter for what is needed.</p>

French	Music	PSHE / MindMate	R.E.
<p><b>Focus:</b> French greetings.</p> <p><b>Skills / knowledge to be developed:</b> We will develop our <b>speaking and listening</b> skills in French, identifying greetings and understanding the basic features of spoken language. There is also an opportunity to revise previous years learning.</p>  <p><b>Applied through:</b> Talk partners and group work. Written sentences in their Jolie Ronde books.</p>	<p><b>Focus: How does music bring us together?</b></p>  <p><b>Skills / knowledge to be developed:</b> The children will develop their <b>listening and performance skills</b> while learning to understand some of the key elements that make up a song.</p> <p><b>Applied through:</b> Listening to a range of songs on Charanga in order to analyse and discuss the beat, pitch and tempo.</p>	<p><b>Focus:</b> Democracy.</p> <p><b>Skills / knowledge to be developed:</b> The children will learn about themselves and the society they live in. They will learn about the purpose of rules, who decides them and why we have them.</p> <p><b>Applied through:</b> Discussion / circle time / debate</p> 	<p><b>Focus:</b> How are important events in ceremonies remembered?</p>  <p><b>Skills / knowledge to be developed:</b> Understanding the <b>different religions</b> within our communities and how <b>important events are celebrated</b> across the world.</p> <p><b>Applied through:</b> Class discussions / partner talk.</p>
<p><b>How can I help / information for Helping</b> Ask the children what they have been learning in French. Encourage the use of discussion and verbally recalling key vocabulary.</p>	<p><b>How can I help / information for Helping</b> Discuss how music can bring us together. Discuss how music has changed over time and different genres of music.</p>	<p><b>How can I help / information for Helping</b> Discuss different rules you have at home and why it is important to follow them. Begin to help your child understand that actions have consequences.</p>	<p><b>How can I help / information for Helping</b> Discuss different faiths in your community and religious events that you celebrate / how they are celebrated.</p>

Homework	Any Other Information / Dates for the Diary
<p><b>Ongoing Homework</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reading:</b> a minimum of 15 minutes reading every night (logged by the children and noted in their reading record). In their homework diaries, the children are to log Red (words they don't know), Amber (words they have heard before but are unsure of) and Green words (words they know and can use).</li> <li>• <b>KIRF target:</b> see maths.</li> <li>• <b>Times Tables:</b> see Homework Diary.</li> <li>• <b>TT Rock Stars:</b> We encourage children to use both of these online resources using a 'little and often' approach. Children should aim for five minutes a day on TT Rock Stars.</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 practising these with your child, it would be greatly appreciated.</li> <li>• On the spelling sheet, there is also handwriting opportunities as well as ideas and challenges to support your child with their 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.</b></p> <p><b><u>Maths / English Homework</u></b> One piece of Maths homework and one piece of English homework will be sent home each week. 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 an <b>optional</b> Learning Log activity once during every half term. This will be related to the Enriched Curriculum.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October-</b> Drama Workshop  <b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October-</b> Tom Palmer visit  <b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October –</b> Parent's Consultation</p> <p>As you already know, this week was the official launch of our brand new behaviour policy '<b>THE BEST</b>'. Please do take the time to read our new policy, which was sent out last week and can be found on the website. Look out for all the praise children will be getting through our colourful '<b>THE BEST</b>' certificates and our silver and gold coupons.</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><b>T</b>EAMWORK  <b>H</b>ONESTY  <b>E</b>NGAGE  <b>B</b>ELIEVE  <b>E</b>MPATHY  <b>S</b>AFETY  <b>T</b>RUST</p>

Thank you, as always, for your continuous help and support. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office who will pass them on to me and I will contact you by phone as soon as possible.

Miss Harding