

BEACON CURRICULUM UPDATE

Your newsletter from Beaconside Primary School

“a light set up in a prominent position as a celebration”



We are now at the end of the spring term and we cannot believe how quickly time is going and also how fast the summer term is approaching. The children have been as busy as always exploring our Beacon Curriculum and the exciting opportunities and experiences within it. It has been great to see our children involved in so many new experiences and representing our school fantastically in so many ways. Our children have learned all about **places** in our world, **people** who can inspire us with their discoveries and contributions and **innovation** that changed our world as we once knew it.

Our Christian Vision and Values

Learning to live, Learning to shine



Our school vision has three main aims. To ensure that all children are:

- **Learning**
- **Living**
- **Shining**

Through promotion of our Church School values and the implementation of our Beacon Curriculum we aim for all children to develop academically, personally and socially. Each child is encouraged to explore their own talents and encourage those of others.

In Spring 2, the whole school took part in World Book Day. The PTA held a book fair on the playground which raised over £250 for us to spend on books in school. The children had a great time reading to each other and their friends and family in our reading cafes and also loved taking part in our book swap where they all went home with a new book! During the day we also had story time with Mr Glynn and in the following days we watched poetry performances from Michael Rosen and enjoyed a story from Julia Donaldson. It was brilliant to see all of our children getting involved and the love of books we have as a school.



World Book Day

Sporting teams

Cricket Team



Cross Country



Y3/4 Football



Pentathlon team



Netball team



U Dance Team



VISITS AND VISITORS

Since introducing our Beacon Curriculum a couple of years ago, our children have had so many fantastic visits and experiences and the first term of this academic year has been no different! Reception had a fantastic visit to Susan's Farm where they learnt all about where our food comes from. Busy Bees visited Walby Farm Park and loved meeting lots of different animals. Nursery had a lovely visit to Branch Out whilst year 1 enjoyed their time at Eden Rock! Year 2 went to District L where they learnt all about keeping healthy whilst year 3 had their first experience of bell boating. Year 4 had a brilliant day at Tropical World whilst Year 5 visited the Rheged Centre. Year 6 had a memorable experience visiting the military museum where they were able to learn about and handle lots of WW2 artefacts. We are looking forward to lots more residential and visits in the summer term!



OUTDOOR LEARNING

Outdoor learning is an important part of our Beacon curriculum. Each term each class does a 5 week block focussing on conservation, wildlife or bushcraft. It is delivered by each class teacher and is supported by our outdoor learning team- a team of four teachers who have additional training and experience. It has been great to see the children outside learning during the winter season and making the most of our Outdoor Learning Zone in all weathers.



Summer term learning:

- Nursery- Caring for plants
- Reception – Weather and safety
- Busy Bees – Following animal trails
- Year 1 – Shelter building
- Year 2 – Shelter building
- Year 3 – Fire lighting and cooking
- Year 4 – Shelter and navigation
- Year 5 – Shelter and navigation
- Year 6 – Fire lighting and foraging



NURSERY

In Nursery, the children have been busy doing all kinds of exploring and learning. They have enjoyed activities both in the indoor and outdoor provision and have even had a go at trying to maintain their own bike! They had a fantastic visit to branch out and have been so brave and excited when taking part in swimming lessons at Woggle Goggle! They finished the term enjoying lots of Easter and Spring themed activities.

This term, Reception have had two main topics which included learning about inspirational people and also about farming. They really enjoyed their visit to Susan's Farm where they were able to find, prepare and eat their own food as well as looking at the animals. They also had a trip up the Beacon, were visited by police officers and had a teddy bear's picnic in our Outdoor Learning Zone! Miss Park's class were also the first Reception class to lead us in worship too!

RECEPTION



YEAR 1

Year one have had an exciting spring term learning about famous artists and exploring why different countries have different climates. They looked at artists Lowry and Van Gough and spent time carefully recreating their favourite pieces. They visited Eden Rock and showed great courage when climbing the walls! All of year one really enjoyed designing and making their own jam as part of their D&T project. It was very tasty! In Geography, they learned about the equator and climates of the world.



BUSY BEES

Busy Bees have had a fantastic Spring term. They have continued to enjoy their swimming lessons each week and have been doing lots of exciting learning too. They have been working on counting activities in their unit and also really enjoyed a trip out to Walby Farm Park where they loved the play area and of course meeting all of the animals!



YEAR 2

Year 2 have had a busy term learning all about famous females who changed history and also finished the term designing and making soup. We loved taste testing different ingredients and deciding which ones to use in our own soup recipes. We also were lucky enough to have a go at wheelchair basketball and both classes led the whole school in worship. We are really looking forward to another busy term in the summer!

YEAR 3

Year 3 have been learning all about how the Lake District and our local area compares with other mountain ranges like the Pennines and the Alps. They have enjoyed exploring these areas in an atlas and have also built some models out of Lego! The children loved their experience bell boating and have also enjoyed team building activities back in school too! They have been reading the book A River by Marc Martin and did some fantastic versions of the front cover as part of World Book Day!



YEAR 4

Year 4 have had a busy yet brilliant spring term where they have enjoyed activities both inside and outside of the classroom. They have taken part in art activities making masks, a DT project to create a carnival backpack and have produced some fantastic writing too! They all really enjoyed their visit to Tropical World and have loved having visitors in from District L to lead them in fitness activities. They finished the term by leading us fantastically well in our Easter service at St Andrews and showed how confident they can be!



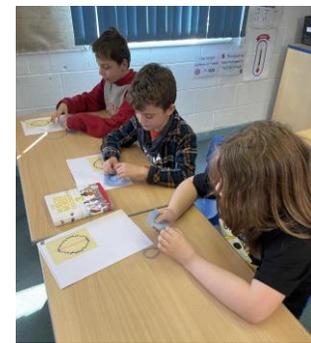
YEAR 5

This term in year 5 the children have been learning all about Russia and the USA as well as the space race. Linking with this, they have been working on a model text called Alien landing and have used this as inspiration for story writing. They have also had a go at cooking stuffed items in DT and have enjoyed hockey in their PE lessons. At the end of the term, as part of their enrichment, they also enjoyed African drumming sessions too!



YEAR 6

This term, Year 6 have been very busy again. They have successfully completed their Mock SATS and have been working very hard in their news groups to consolidate all of their KS2 learning. They enjoyed a trip up to QEGS to watch the dress rehearsal of Grease which was starring some of our ex pupils. They continued to learn about WW2 and enjoyed playing some traditional games and finally they got creative with clay work and also learning to cross stitch.



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Educational visits next half term

Year group	Summer 1
Nursery	Trip up the Beacon – date tbc
Reception	Whinlatter – Thursday 2 nd May
Busy Bees	Journey by train – Date tbc
Year 1	tbc
Year 2	Pooley Bridge – date tbc
Year 3	No visit this half term
Year 4	Residential – The Sill Either Monday 20 th – Wednesday 22 nd May Or Wednesday 22 nd May – Friday 24 th May
Year 5	Camping residential – Either Wednesday 15 th - Thursday 16 th May Or Thursday 16 th May – Friday 17 th May
Year 6	Walla Cragg – Friday 17 th May

Easter Celebrations



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A huge congratulations to our hand bells team for coming first place in their category at the Carlisle Music Festival earlier this month. They performed brilliantly and were great ambassadors for the school. Finally, a big thank you to Mrs Howe for working so hard with the children to get them to a brilliant standard!