

# Curriculum Information



Beech

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## Awesome Alnwick

Our topics for this term are...

### Awesome Alnwick

**Geography** - Children will find out about the location of Alnwick within Britain and use aerial photos and maps to describe its features including a focus on woodland and forests. They will also locate on a map Alnwick Castle and other castles in Northumberland. This is also a chance for a reminder about the four countries of the UK and their capital cities and landmarks.

### Alnwick Castle and Harry Hotspur

**History** - Children will learn about the passing of time by looking at timelines of their own family events. They will find out about how castles were developed and then they will find out about the special history of our local castle and Harry Hotspur.

### Living Things

**Science** - Children will compare the differences between things that are living, dead and have never been alive. They will find out about the habitats of plants and animals as well as their basic needs. They will use simple food chains to describe how animals obtain their food. Children will also consider the importance of exercise, diet and hygiene for humans.

### Natural Sculptures

**Art** - Children will find out about the artist Andy Goldsworthy, who will provide a stimulus for making sculptures out of natural materials. They will also look at Castle and the Sun by the Expressionism and Cubism influenced artist Paul Klee.

### Castles

**DT** – Children will investigate the features of castles, and then design and make their own castle incorporating these features.

### On-Screen Programming

**Computing** - Children will learn how to control on-screen sprites by creating simple programs. They will also look for errors in programs.

### Other subjects:

#### P.E.

Striking and Fielding, Athletics and Fitness with Newcastle United Foundation (Friday am)  
Cricket with Tom Vickers (Thursday pm first half term) and Wednesday pm second half term (teacher-led PE session).

#### P.S.H.E.

Relationships (building positive, healthy relationships)  
Changing Me (coping positively with change)

#### Music

Friendship Song and Reflect, Rewind and Replay.

#### R.E.

Judaism



### **English:**

English involves the development of speaking and listening, reading fluency, comprehension and writing skills. Children will have many opportunities to develop their reading and comprehension skills both in the classroom and during weekly guided reading sessions. They will also be able to apply their skills across other areas of the curriculum during their topic work. Over the course of the year, children will experience a range of narrative, non-fiction and poetry texts.

This half term, we intend to explore stories, poems and non-fiction texts around woodland and castles.

*You can find specific objectives for the term on your class page of the school website.*

### **Mathematics:**

In KS1, our aim is to ensure that pupils develop confidence and mental fluency with number, counting and place value. Our learning begins in a very practical way before moving to more formal methods. Children will also explore shapes, measurements, position and direction.

The children's ability to 'reason' will be developed throughout all of their mathematical work as they are encouraged to explain how they have reached solutions to problems.

This term, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction (consolidation), properties of shapes, measurement, position and movement, statistics and telling the time.

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### **Homework & Spellings**

**Weekly tasks:** Each Wednesday a homework task will be set on the class page of the school website to support our classroom work and to be completed by the following Tuesday. This will alternate between English, Maths and Topic. *We have now have a homework display in class.*

**Spellings:** will be tested each Tuesday and new spellings given out on Wednesdays which will also be displayed on our class page

**Reading:** Please keep your child's reading book and record in their bags each day. It also helps us out enormously if you have written a comment in their reading record each week. You could record their ability to understand the text and answer any questions you may have asked. In addition children can continue to access a wide selection of reading materials on Bug Club-please have a look! *In addition if the children would like to write any book reviews reflecting their reading at home we would love them to bring them into class so we can share on the homework wall and on our class reading page.*

**Maths** *Please practice the 2, 5 and 10 times table; we have a song for each times table from BBC Bitesize which they enjoy singing, and by accessing TTRS.* The children will continue to be set homework tasks using their Numicon set which will help them visualise and secure their number facts. In addition they can continue to access Numbots and the new, freely downloadable White Rose 1 Minute maths app.

### **Additional items in school**

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle to school each day. Hopefully we will enjoy some warm and sunny weather so please send your child in with a sunhat and sun cream when necessary.

### **Other ways of helping your child:**

- Visiting the library to look for books to support our topic.
- Using the Internet to research our topic.
- Discussing what has been taught at school.
- Playing English and Maths games on our virtual learning environment at [www.school360.co.uk](http://www.school360.co.uk).

Any questions or concerns please get in touch.

Thank you, Mrs A Smith.