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Friday 19th April 2024

Our Value This Half Term: Love Learning

Dear Essendon Families,

Our Value - Love Learning



In Collective Worship we thought about the 11 subjects we learn at primary school: Maths, English, RE, PE, computing, history, geography, D&T, art, music and PSHE. By growing our brains with our learning we have the knowledge to change things for good in our world. Our brains are like seeds being watered and cared for, growing into the most beautiful plants and flowers. It is amazing!

Chicks Are Hatching



We are so excited to have chicks hatching in Pantherswood, so far we have six furry friends and there are a few more to come.

Curriculum Maps – Love Learning

Have a look at our Parent Curriculum Information on the next page, an overview of what we are covering this half term. You can support at home by reading, practising your timestables and doing some research around your class history or geography topic.

New Lunchtime Clubs

Sign up for our new lunchtime clubs, Tech Deck Club and Rubiks Cube Club, as well as our usual Beyblade Club, Kindness Club, football and hockey. Our active lunchtimes are fantastic, and all are ideas that have come from our pupils.

Diary Dates

Wed 1st May – Harefield swimming lessons start

Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May - Y6 SATs

Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May – Half Term

Tues 4th June – Individual photos

Sun 9th June – School Summer Fayre

Tues 2nd July - Sports Day afternoon – 1:30pm at school, all welcome, bring a blanket or chair

w/c Mon 8th July – Bikeability – Y6

Tues 9th July – Sports Day afternoon (contingency) 1:30pm

Thurs 11th July –Transition Day for all year groups and Y6 to secondary school

Thurs 11th July – Open Classrooms – all welcome, come and see the school

Fri 12th July – end of year reports

Thurs 18th July – 2:15pm Thanksgiving Church Service, end of term celebration and goodbyes. All parents/carers welcome

Fri 19th July – 11am Y6 Leavers Assembly, Y6 parents welcome. Y6 leave at 12pm.

All other pupils leave at 1:15pm.

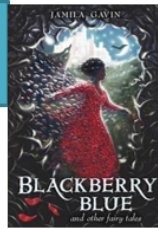
Tues 3rd September – Back to school

And Finally

A very warm welcome to Mrs Helen Stickley our new SENCo. Helen is an experienced SENCo and will be supporting all our children with Special Educational Needs.

Have a great weekend, from Ms Canham

Key Text:
Blackberry Blue and other fairy tales
by Jamila Gavin



Harefield
Curriculum Information
Summer 1- 2024

Light and Colour!



In English we will be ...

- Integrating effective dialogue into a narrative
- Applying cohesive devices to present information about a significant figure's life

In Science we will be ...

- Reviewing our understanding of light from Warrenwood
- Recognising how light travels
- Explaining how objects are seen
- Taking accurate measurements to look at angles of reflection

In RE we will be ...

Engaging with the key question 'Does belief in Akhirah help Muslims lead better lives?'

- Exploring motivation and actions
- Identifying key beliefs about the afterlife
- Recognising ways to live a good life

In Art we will be ...

- Learning about the designer Lucienne Day
- Exploring repeated patterns
- Designing and making a fabric wall hanging

In Computing we will be ...

- Checking the validity of information
- Use the acronym TASK to search effectively
- Creating an informative poster, crediting sources

In Maths we will be ...

- Finding the perimeter of rectilinear shapes
- Calculating the area of rectangles, squares, parallelograms and triangles
- Estimating volume and capacity
- Finding the volume of cubes
- Revisiting the four operations
- Drawing and solving problems with line graphs

In PE we will be ...

- Developing throwing, catching, bowling and fielding techniques through the unit 'rounders'
- Using a range of strokes to swim

In Geography we will be ...

- Finding the latitude and longitude of places
- Linking latitude and climate
- Linking longitude and time

In PSHE we will be ...

- Linking the British Value of Democracy to local elections on Thursday 2nd May

In Music we will be ...

- Improvising, singing, playing glockenspiels, composing and using staff notation in the unit 'Musical styles connect us'

Our value this term is:

Love Learning

Key information

- PE takes place on a **Tuesday**. Swimming on **Wednesday**.
- Bring outdoor shoes or Wellingtons when muddy and coats everyday please.
- You can connect with the Harefield team about your child's learning using following email address: Harefield@essendon.herts.sch.uk

Home learning

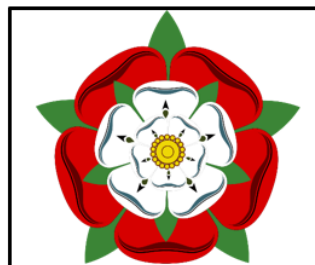
- Home reading is completed **daily** and noted in the record.
- A maths and grammar home learning task will be set weekly on Thursday and collected in on **Monday**.
- The times tables for the week will be introduced on Monday and **tested on Friday**.
- 10 spellings (5 curriculum, 5 personal) will be set on Monday and **tested on Friday**.



Key Text:
The Queen's Token
By Pamela Oldfield



Warrenwood
Curriculum information
Summer Term 1 2024
Tudors



In English we will be ...

- Continuing to explore a range of fiction and non-fiction
- Writing a diary entry
- Grouping non-fiction information into paragraphs
- Exploring figurative language
- Writing our own descriptive poems



In Science we will be ...

- Learning about how sounds are made
- Learning that vibrations from sound travel through mediums
- Finding patterns between the pitch of a sound and the object that made it.



In History we will be ...

- Learning about how the Tudor period started
- Finding out about the life of Henry VIII
- Exploring Tudor life
- Investigating Tudor punishment and crime.

In RE we will be ...

- Learning about how Jews show commitment to God
- Learning about Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Tzedakah and Shabbat
- Comparing practices to explore which shows most commitment



In Art & DT we will be ...

- Learning collage techniques
- Creating group Tudor collages
- Designing our own 'Magic Box'



In Computing we will be ...

- Handling data about weather
- Searching for and recording weather information in a spreadsheet.
- Creating a video presenting weather information.



In Maths we will be ...

- Continuing to learn about fractions
- Exploring simple decimals
- Solving problems involving money
- Learning about the properties of shapes
- Continuing to apply multiplication and division facts



In PE we will be ...

- Practising throwing and catching skills
- Learning to bowl and bat in a game of rounders
- Developing fielding techniques



In PSHE we will be thinking about ...

- Respect and good manners
- Friendship and bullying
- What makes a good friend
- Change and loss



Our value this term is **Love Learning**.

We will be asking...

- What does this look like?
- How can we use our growth mindset?

Reminders...

- Make sure you read at home every night and sign reading records
- PE takes place on a **Tuesday**
- Outdoor shoes or Wellingtons for playing outside please.
- Spelling tests are every **Thursday**
- Times tables will be tested on a **Friday**



Key Text:
One Day on Our Blue Planet
 by Ella Bayley



Homewood
 Curriculum Information
 Summer Term 2024

Our Wonderful World



In English we will be ...

- Reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts around our topic of 'A Wonderful World'
- Writing descriptions using the key texts
- Writing non-chronological reports and narratives.
- Practising handwriting skills
- Continue a phonics program and continue learning spelling rules and patterns.
- Writing letters



In Geography we will be...

- Identifying and naming the 7 continents & 5 oceans of the world.
- Learning about different climates.
- Finding out about Africa.
- Using compass directions.

In Science we will be ...

- Learning about the life cycle of plants
- The difference between seeds and bulbs
- Carrying out experiments to find out what plants need to grow.

In Maths we will be ...

- Dividing, sharing equally and grouping
- Sorting odd and even numbers
- Recalling facts of the 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables
- Looking at place value to 100
- Fractions – ¼, ½, ¾, 1/3
- Measurement
- Statistics

In RE we will be ...

Learning about Islam and asking the question:
 Does going to a mosque give Muslims a sense of belonging?

In PSHE we will be thinking about ...

- Families & Relationships
- Friendships
- Stereotypes

In PE we will be ...

Learning about **invasion games**

- Possession and supporting teammates
- Scoring and stopping goals
- Marking and tactics

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In Computing we will be ...

- Learning about stop motion.
- Creating our own stop motion films.

In Art we will ...

- Using natural materials to create nature sculptures.

Reminders...

- Make sure you read at home every night and sign reading records.
- PE takes place on a **Friday**.
- **Collective worships** will be at 2:45pm



Pantherswood Summer term 1 Overview

Class teacher – Miss Griffiths - Teaching Assistants – Miss Sharman, Miss Holding

In the early years foundation stage (nursery and reception), we deliver our curriculum following children's interests, planned topics, subject sequences. We have three core areas within the EYFS stator framework: Communication and language, personal, social and emotional development and physical development. These three areas are key for children to develop the skills and understanding needed to support the four foundation areas which are: literacy, mathematics, understanding the word and expressive art and design.



Communication and Language

Talking about my family, friends and special celebrations
 Develop understanding of new vocabulary from our topic/ core book
 Asking questions and reflecting on our learning

Physical Development

Fine Motor – busy finger activity every morning
 Sand and water areas
 Mark making opportunities
 Gross motor – bikes, construction, ball games
 Outdoor area with a range of play opportunities
 Outdoor learning and forest school
 P.E

Understand the World

We very excitedly have chicken eggs this term and we will be watching them hatch and grow.
 We will be learning about our village and where we live, looking at similarities and differences in weather and countries around the world

Core books for literacy

Throughout the summer term we will have four core books, Rosie's Walk, The Odd Egg, What the Ladybird Heard and Oliver's Vegetables that will guide our literacy lessons.
 We will use these core books to explore different topics and ideas, supporting the children's interest throughout the children's Learning through Play.

Mathematics

To 20 and beyond
 How many now?
 Manipulate, compose and decompose

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Zones of regulations
 Circle time
 Small group activities and structured games
 Child: child interactions modelled and supported via adults

Expressive Art and Design

Colour mixing
 Using different media inside and outside
 Exploring how to create sounds with different instruments
 Exploring their environments through forest school and Child Initiated Play

Literacy

Core books, nursery rhymes, vocabulary focus
 Developing writing skills: Finger spaces, capital letters, letter formation, full stops, phonics skills



Friends of
Essendon School
Would like to invite
you to the

Essendon School Summer Fayre

Sunday 9th June

1.00-4.00pm

The Yorkie Wrap Co.

Bar ~ Ice Creams

Inflatable slide, bouncy castle, games and more...

More details to follow soon!

All children must be accompanied by an adult

This term's menu. Help your child by talking about the daily meal choices.

Summer/Autumn 2024

Pupils Choice Extra Menu

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1						
15 APRIL, 7 MAY, 3 JUNE, 24 JUNE, 15 JULY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 30 SEPTEMBER, 14 OCTOBER						
MAIN MEAL 1		Pork Sausages with Gravy	Herb Crusted Chicken with Spaghetti MARHARA	Roast Beef with Gravy	Favourite Quorn Hot Dog	Battered Fish Fillet
MAIN MEAL 2		Cheese & Tomato Quiche	Mild Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry	Mince Slice MARHARA	Cheesy Spring Vegetable Bake	Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
SIDE DISH		Pasta or Potato Wedges	Brown & White Rico	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Diced Potatoes or Garlic Bread	Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta
COLD OPTION		Tuna Roll	Cheese Spread Roll	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Baguette	Egg Roll
EXTRA OPTION		Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)
WEEK 2						
22 APRIL, 13 MAY, 10 JUNE, 1 JULY, 22 JULY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 30 SEPTEMBER, 21 OCTOBER						
MAIN MEAL 1		Tex Mex Quorn Fajita	Chicken Pie	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun	Salmon Fishcake
MAIN MEAL 2		Creamy Macaroni Cheese	Moroccan Tagine MARHARA	Plant Balls with Gravy	Roasted Summer Veg Pasta	Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
SIDE DISH		Rice or Tomato Bread	Diced Potatoes or Couscous	Roast Potatoes or Brown & White Rice	Potato Wedges or Herby Bread	Oven Chips or Tricolour Pasta
COLD OPTION		Cheese Baguette	Ham Sandwich	Tuna Roll	Cheese Spread Sandwich	Egg Roll
EXTRA OPTION		Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)
WEEK 3						
29 APRIL, 20 MAY, 17 JUNE, 8 JULY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 7 OCTOBER						
MAIN MEAL 1		Chicken Curry MARHARA	Quorn Burger in a Bun	Turkey Roast with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy MARHARA	Beef Lasagne	Fish Fillet Fingers
MAIN MEAL 2		Homemade Sausage Roll MARHARA	Rich Tomato Bolognese	Roast Quorn Fillet with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Chipolata Sausages with Gravy	Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
SIDE DISH		Rice or Diced Potatoes	Potato Wedges or Spaghetti	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Herby Bread or Diced Potatoes	Oven Chips or Tricolour Pasta
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Seasonal vegetables and a variety of salads are served daily. = Vegetarian = Vegan.

We are proud to use the following food brands:

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Family and Health Services Commissioning



Targeted Parenting Courses & Workshops - Summer Term 2024

Autism and ADHD workshops for parents

Early Help Commissioning have commissioned workshops, between 1-2hrs, on a variety of different topics to support parents when an issue comes up, enabling them to 'dip in and out' for support when necessary.

Topics on offer include:

- Anxiety
- Girls with ADHD or Autism
- Transitions
- Siblings
- Understanding the SEN world
- Anger
- Sleep
- Executive functioning skills
- Puberty
- And more...

We have also commissioned webinars to support parents on a variety of different topics with titles including:

- Understanding Autism
- Understanding ADHD
- Navigating SEND World
- Navigating SEND Post 16

These workshops and webinars are fully funded. Parents can self-refer and do not need a formal diagnosis of Autism/ADHD. You can find all workshops and webinars through the [Local Offer](#)

Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities

We are now taking referrals for our Summer Term 13-week face-to-face courses which will be running throughout the county.

Alternatively, if a parent cannot attend the face-to-face course, we have the 6-week online course that is facilitated by Race Equality Foundation.

Parents must be referred or self-refer to us.

For more information and how to refer, following this link.

[Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities parenting course | Hertfordshire County Council](#)



For full details of each course and how to refer to providers please go to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/parentingsupport or visit the providers links.

If you have any professional questions for Family and Health Services Commissioning, please email EHCommissioning@hertfordshire.gov.uk

FREE Healthy Lifestyle support for families in Hertfordshire

Our FREE 12 week in-person and online programmes start on 22nd April 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
POTTERS BAR Cranborne Primary School EN6 2BA 17:00 - 19:00	WALTHAM CROSS Hurst Drive Primary School EN8 8DH 17:45 - 19:30	WATFORD Leavesden Green Community Hub WD25 0BW 17:30 - 19:30	HATFIELD Birchwood Avenue Primary School AL10 0PS 17:00 - 19:00
BISHOP'S STORTFORD Summercroft Primary School CM23 5BJ 17:30 - 19:30	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Hobletts Manor Junior School HP2 5JT 17:30 - 19:30	STEVENAGE The Oval Community Centre SG1 5RA 17:30 - 19:30	BOREHAMWOOD Meryfield Primary School WD6 4PA 17:30 - 19:30

Sign up today!

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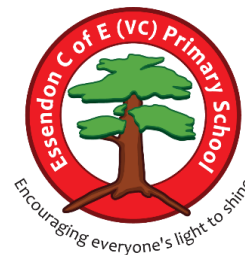
Our programmes are for children above their ideal weight, see our website for more information. 24-0547

Essendon C of E Primary School

Term Dates: 2023/2024

Summer Term - 2024

Monday 15th April – **INSET Day** – staff only
Tuesday 16th April – Start of term for pupils – 8:40am
Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday
Monday 27th to Friday 31st May – Half Term
Thursday 11th July – Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day
Friday 19th July – End of term - 1:15pm
Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July – **INSET Days** – staff only



Term Dates: 2024/2025

Autumn Term – 2024

Monday 2nd September – **INSET Day** – staff only
Tuesday 3rd September – Start of term for pupils – 8:40am
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November – Half Term
Friday 20th December – End of Term – 1:15pm

Spring Term – 2025

Monday 6th January – **INSET Day** – staff only
Tuesday 7th January – Start of term for pupils – 8:40am
Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February – Half Term
Friday 4th April – End of Term – 1:15pm

Summer Term – 2025

Tuesday 22nd April – Start of term for pupils – 8:40am
Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday
Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May – Half Term
Monday 16th June – **INSET Day** – staff only
Thursday 10th July - Y6 Secondary Transition Day
Friday 18th July – End of Term – 1:15pm
Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July – **INSET Days** – staff only
Wednesday 23rd July – **Occasional Day** – School Closed