



# Stage 1 Newsletter, Term 4 2020



**Welcome to Term 4, Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) at Beacon Hill PS!** We have absolutely hit the ground running and we can't believe that Week 2 is nearly over!!

**ENGLISH:** This term we will continue with daily reading group sessions that include reading, writing, spelling, comprehension grammar and listening. We will also participate in daily phonics lessons where we look at combinations of certain letters and why they say what they do. We will also look at rules for letter combinations because sometimes letters say one thing, but sometimes those very same letters can actually say something else!

**MATHS:** This term we will continue with daily maths lessons that include topics involving numbers (3 days a week) and topics focusing on measurement/geometry or statistics/data (2 days a week). We will also continue with daily maths mental sessions where we are getting much better at working out how to solve maths questions with more accuracy and speed.

**GROUPS DAY:** This term we will continue with groups day on a Thursday. On this day we all swap teachers and children in our group for a maths number lesson, a phonics lesson and a writing lesson. It is so much fun to get to work with other teachers and also make friends with children from other classes.

**GEOGRAPHY:** This term we will continue with our topic "Features of Places". We have looked at what a natural feature is; what a built/constructed feature is; and what a managed feature is. This term we will look at specific places around the world and research information about these special places. There is also a news speech to align with this topic (to be presented in week 4).

**SCIENCE:** This term we will continue to look at our topic "Forces". We have looked at things that push and pull and forces used in kids' toys. This term we will look at things that float, how we can use friction and gravity.

**SPORT:** This term we will continue with a skill session on a Tuesday and a sport session on a Friday. Please wear your sport uniform on BOTH of these days. Each child will participate in gymnastics, tennis, captain ball and tunnel ball, mini golf, hula hooping, skipping with ropes and other games that focus on sportsmanship and team building.

**HOMEWORK:** This term we will continue with Home Reading and News for homework. If this is a satisfactory amount of homework for your family at this time, then this is enough. However, if you would like more homework, please email your child's class teacher.

**ART, MUSIC, LIBRARY:** This term we will continue to have art lessons with Mrs Bacon, music lessons with Mrs Covell and library lessons with Ms Shearer.

**PBL:** This term we are focusing on remembering our manners (Respect), being in the right place at the right time (Responsibility) and reaching for the stars (Excellence).

**SUPER HEROES:** This term we are looking for Aurora (someone who takes risks with their learning); Caspian (someone who can work collaboratively); Octavia (someone who is optimistic about learning new things) and Nova (someone who never gives up).

**COMMUNICATION:** If you have any questions or concerns about your child or their learning/progress, please email your child's class teacher and have a chat/explain your thoughts to them.

Yours in Education always,

Miss McIntosh, Miss Shirdon, Mrs Bowe, Mrs Grinter and Mrs Graham (Year 1)  
Mr McGee, Mrs Hurst, Miss Whitmill & Mrs Graham (Year 2)