

Year 4 Bassett Green Buzz Learning Curriculum Newsletter for Parents

Autumn Term 1 2026



BASSETT GREEN
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Home learning project

This half term in Geography, we are going to be learning about European countries. For your home learning project, we would like you to be creative and research a European country. You could create either a poster or booklet explaining:

- Where it is
- Capital city
- Famous landmarks
- Population

- Interesting facts including food

Other options are to make food from your chosen country or send us some pictures of videos to share your exciting learning.



Big Question:

Why is compassion important?

Overarching theme:

Courage and compassion

Key Dates for Year 4:

INSET Day - Wednesday 3rd September

Term begins - Thursday 4th September

School photos - Friday 11 September

PE Days

PE days change each week.
Therefore PE kits need to be
in school every day.



Be Brave Be Brilliant Be our Best

Reading

Key skills we will develop are:

- Retrieve information from the text.
- Inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence.
- Sequencing events.
- Identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning.
- identifying themes and conventions in a wide range of books
- using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read

We will be reading



Writing

Outcome 1: Tourist brochure

Job applications, advertisements, setting descriptions, letter in role

Outcome 2: Newspaper report

Packing lists (justifications), letters (formal and informal), setting descriptions, interviews, diaries, dialogue

Key skills we will develop are:

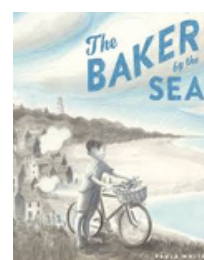
Use of the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past [for example, He has gone out to play contrasted with He went out to play]
Expressing time, place and cause using conjunctions [for example, when, before, after, while, so, because], adverbs [for example, then, next, soon, therefore], or prepositions [for example, before, after, during, in, because of]
Introduction to inverted commas to punctuate direct speech

Maths

Key skills we will develop are:

Reasoning with large numbers
Addition and subtraction
Multiplication and division
Discrete and continuous data

Our writing texts:



Foundation Subjects

Science:

Sound

Identify how sound is made, recognise sound travels to the ear through waves, find patterns between pitch and volume and recognise sounds get fainter as they move further away

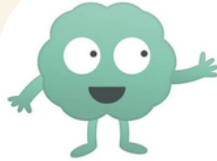


PSHE:

Meet your brain

Places

Showing respect and managing hurtful behaviour
Celebrate



Computing:

E-Safety: Self-image and Identity

Digital Literacy: Animation

Capture images and use software to create an animation.



Geography

Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia)



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Cooking and Nutrition

Polish pierogi

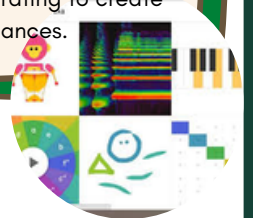
Preparing and cooking a savoury dish. Understanding seasonality, and know where and how a variety of ingredients are grown, reared, caught and processed.



Music:

Singing in parts: Loops and layers

Developing vocal technique, confidence and control by singing in rounds and performing musical loops. Pupils build independence, timing and listening skills while collaborating to create layered group performances.



RE:

Golden thread: Community

The 5 K's - Symbols to show devotion
Sikh faith traditions



Spanish

Dates

Mastering numbers to 31 and months of the year, children learn to say the date and find out about some Mexican birthday traditions.

PE:

Badminton - net and wall games
Gymnastics



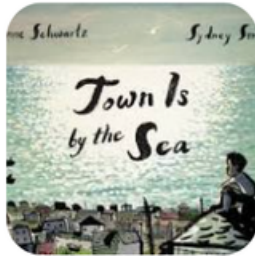
How can you help your child at home?

Reading

Reading is an essential skill that children must develop so that they can access the whole curriculum at school and beyond. We are passionate about ensuring that children have a love for reading.

To help your child at home develop their reading skills you can:

- Read every day and record it in their home learning journal.
- Talk about books with your child to encourage a love of reading.
- Take your child to a local library to borrow books.
- Encourage your child to sound out unknown words.
- Practise weekly phonics sounds that are sent home (if appropriate).

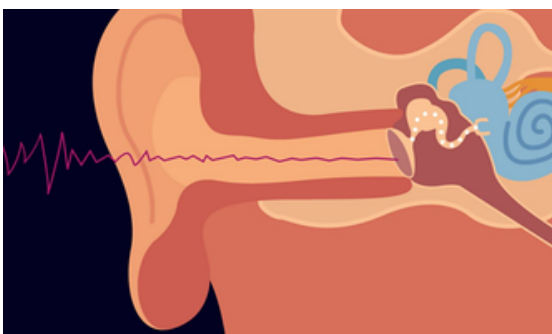


Science – Sound

We will be learning about how sound travels and how we hear.

This website will give you a good starting point for what we will be learning

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmjmwmb>



RE: The 5K's

To show their dedication to Sikhism, Khalsa Sikhs wear 5 symbols called Panj Kakka or 'The 5 K's'

The following website has a video which shows how two young children show commitment to their faith:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-studies-ks2-five-ks-of-sikhism/znbhf4j#:~:text=They%20are%20Kara%2C%20Kachera%2C%20Kirpan,%2C%20Kesh%20and%20Kanga.>

Kanga	Kesh	Kara	Kirpan	Kachera
	This is the uncut hair which symbolises spiritual power		A Sikh sword, a symbol of respect and justice	
A special comb that represents cleanliness		A steel bangle, symbolising unity, of self and a process of constant learning		A special pair of shorts. These are a symbol of modesty