

Year 3 Bassett Green Buzz Learning Curriculum Newsletter for Parents

Autumn Term 1 2026



BASSETT GREEN
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Home learning project

This half term we will be finding about about our local area – Bassett

For your home learning project we would like you to find out as much as you can about our local area and produce a piece of information which tells us something about the area.

You could produce a poster, a leaflet, a PowerPoint display or even a 3D map!

We look forward to seeing what you come up with!



Big Question:

Why do we wonder?

Overarching theme:

Magic and Wonder

Key Dates for Year 3

INSET Day -

Tuesday 1st September

Wednesday 2nd September

Term begins - Thursday 3rd September

Home learning project due - Friday 19th September

Local area walk - TBC

PE Days

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



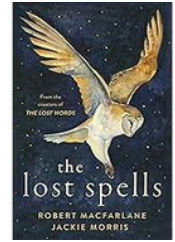
Be Brave Be Brilliant Be our Best

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: A guide to enjoying the wilderness

Character introductions, letter of advice, descriptive poem, SOS message, identification label

Outcome 2: Own version fantasy narrative

Persuasive poster, performance reviews, setting description, thought bubbles / diary entry, dialogue

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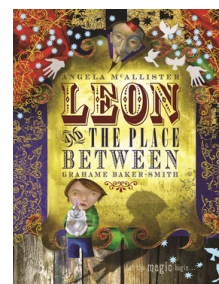
Use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate
 Use of the suffixes -ly in Standard English to turn adjectives into adverbs E.g. *quickly, carefully, Firstly*
 Expanded noun phrases for description and specification [for example, the blue butterfly, plain flour, the man in the moon]
 Commas to separate items in a list
 Co-ordination (using or, and, but)
 Subordination (using when, if, that, because)

Maths

Key skills we will develop are:

- Number sense and exploring calculation strategies
- Place value
- Graphs
- Addition and subtraction
- Length and perimeter

Our writing texts:



Foundation Subjects

Science - Forces and Magnets

Compare how things move on different surfaces, observe how magnets attract and repel some materials but not others, compare and group materials based on magnetic force, understand magnets have poles and make predictions based on this



PSHE:

Meet your brain
Places
celebrate



DT

Explore and use mechanisms

Pneumatics - Design, make and evaluate a magic box



RE:

Messages

Golden thread: Love
Christian and Jewish faith traditions

IMPORTANT
MESSAGE

Spanish Greetings

Using puppets to practise a variety of greetings, children learn how to introduce themselves and perform a finger rhyme based on a Spanish puppet festival tradition.

Computing:

E-safety: Self-image and identity

Computing: Digital Literacy:

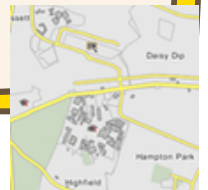
Word Processing

Develop use of more sophisticated mouse and keyboard skills.



Geography

Local geography: Bassett Green
Developing understanding of OS maps and land use. Comparison of land use over time.



Music:

Mountain melodies: Steps and leaps

Investigating melody and pitch through using graphic scores to identify changes in pitch by step, leap or repeated note. Pupils compose short melodic pieces inspired by mountain drawings, then experiment with dynamics and movement to bring their musical landscapes to life.



PE:

Football - invasion games

Dance

Practise and put together a performance.
Perform using facial expressions.
Perform with a prop.



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 – Forces and magnets

Children will learn that magnetic forces can act at a distance. The key learning to help your child with is that opposites attract.

The north pole of one magnet will attract to the south pole of another magnet.

Two similar poles (e.g. a north pole and a north pole) will repel.

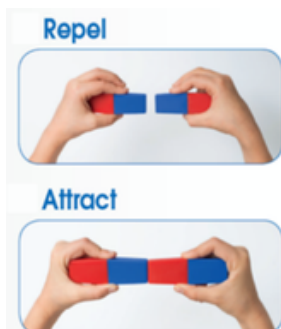
Watch the fun videos on this webpage.
<https://www.theschoolrun.com/what-are-magnets>

Key vocabulary

Attract – pull towards

Repel – push away

Pole – end of a magnet



Spanish

Introducing myself, counting

This year children will be introduced to Spanish. They will learn how to greet others in different ways.

The following game on BBC Bitesize will help to gain an understanding

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zs88g7h>

