



# THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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## Summer Term 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We're thrilled to see all the children return, refreshed and ready for an exciting new term. We hope you had a wonderful Easter break. Below, you'll find some helpful reminders to keep you informed and make the most of the term ahead.

### **Learning Challenge**

This half-term, our 'Learning Challenge' will take us across the Atlantic as we explore the question: "*What is so great about the USA?*" Throughout this topic, the children will be developing their geography skills by using maps to locate and compare American states. They'll also be discovering the diverse landscapes and climates found across the country and discovering the unique cultures, traditions, and languages of specific American cities. In art, Year 5 will be taking inspiration from the work of M.C. Escher. They'll be focusing on his use of perspective as they learn how to create their own cityscapes using one-point perspective drawing techniques. We're looking forward to seeing their creativity shine!

### **Forest School**

This term, Year 5 will take part in Forest School sessions led by Miss Russell. Rundell class will attend every Wednesday until half term, followed by Coelho class in the second half of the summer term. Pupils will enjoy a range of fun and engaging outdoor activities.

### **PE**

This term, our PE sessions will focus on swimming and will take place at Tadley Swimming Pool. Lessons will be held every Tuesday (29<sup>th</sup> April – 8<sup>th</sup> July) and will be led by fully qualified swimming instructors. Please ensure your child brings their full swimming kit each week, clearly named and packed in a waterproof bag.

### **Water bottles**

Just a quick reminder to ensure that your child has a water bottle in school over the coming weeks as it will hopefully get a lot warmer and we intend to work outside a great deal more. As before, if you are providing a new water bottle for your child, please bear in mind that the larger style bottles are very tricky to fill from our water coolers.

### **Sun hats, sun cream and coats**

As the weather warms up, please send your child with a labelled sun hat and sun cream. Since the weather can be unpredictable, children should also bring a coat each day, as they won't be allowed outside in just a school jumper if it rains.

### **Homework Diaries**

Well done to the children (and parents) for their reading percentages during the spring term. Both year 5 classes have been doing well and consistently appearing in the top three. Please ensure that you sign your child's reading record each week, even if they fill it in themselves.

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### **Homework**

This half term, the children will be expected to complete homework based around the topic of the USA. Homework continues to be due in on Mondays. Spellings continue to be handed out on Fridays and the children will be tested on their spelling list the following Friday.

### **Important Dates...**

<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>TBC</b>	USA Day

Yours faithfully,  
Miss Price, Mrs Dreelan & Mr Sargeant

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*At Bishopswood, we offer a rich and diverse curriculum that engages all children. Enriched activities that motivate children, enhancing their life opportunities is something that is very important to us.*

### ***What is so great about the USA?***

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Areas Covered</b>
<b><u>Learning Enrichment</u></b>	<b>Sustainability Centre Residential Trip</b>
<b><u>Reading:</u></b>	Practise skills such as making inferences, understanding what we read, reading with expression (prosody) and summarising. We'll do this while exploring these texts: An author study on Katherine Rundell, focusing on three of her books: The Good Thieves, Rooftoppers, and The Wolf Wilder Brother Eagle, Sister Sky: A Native American Story"
<b><u>Writing:</u></b>	<b><u>Text focus 1: Wonder by RJ Palacio</u></b> Write a diary and formal persuasive letters <b><u>Text focus 2: Visit Florida</u></b> Persuasive leaflet writing
<b><u>Mathematics</u></b>	<b><u>Multiplication &amp; Division</u></b> Multiply numbers up to 4 digits by a 1 digit or 2 digit number Divide numbers up to four digits by a 1 digit number using a written method Multiply and divide whole numbers and decimal numbers by 10, 100, 1000 Identify multiples and factors Know and use the vocabulary of prime numbers, prime factors and composite numbers Recognise square and cube numbers Solve problems involving all four operations <b><u>Geometry</u></b> Plot points on a coordinate grid in the first quadrant Identify, describe and represent the position of a shape following a reflection or translation Distinguish between regular and irregular polygons
<b><u>Geography</u></b>	<b><u>What is so great about the USA?</u></b> Locate the USA and its 50 states on a world map and explore their regions. Discover key features of each state, including flags, mottos, and fun facts. Explore and compare U.S. landscapes, such as mountains, coasts, and deserts. Learn the difference between villages, towns, and cities, and explore major U.S. cities.
<b><u>Art</u></b>	<b><u>Perspective drawing</u></b> Analyse the art work of M.C Escher Use one point perspective to draw a New York City street scene
<b><u>Computing</u></b>	<b><u>Computer networks</u></b> Understand the basic workings of computer networks Understand the basic workings of the internet Understand how search results are selected and ranked
<b><u>Science</u></b>	<b><u>Animals including humans</u></b> Describe the changes as humans develop to old age
<b><u>Spanish</u></b>	<b><u>In the café (En la cafetería)</u></b> Remember and recall a wide variety of foods, snacks and drinks (with their indefinite article/determiner) typically served in a Spanish cafeteria To understand better how to change a singular noun to plural form Perform a short role play ordering what they would like to eat and drink
<b><u>Physical Education</u></b>	Swimming – Children will complete a 10 week swimming course at Tadley swimming pool led by qualified swimming instructors. This lesson will be on a Tuesday.

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<b><u>RE</u></b>	<b><u>Exploring Ritual</u></b> Explain the rituals involved in Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr. Explain why rituals are an important part of worship in all religions.
<b><u>My Happy Mind</u></b>	We are learning to understand and celebrate our differences, use our strengths in positive way and build strong friendships by being supportive, showing gratitude and solving problems together. We're also exploring how Active Listening and the strategy of 'Stop, Understand and Consider' can help us connect with others and make thoughtful choices.

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