

World Book Day on 4 March

Beaver Road is taking part in World Book Day on 4 March. World Book Day is the biggest annual celebration of books and reading in the UK and Ireland.

Click on the World Book Day website www.worldbookday.com for lots more information, quizzes and games for children and parents

For international information on World Book Day, please visit: www.unesco.org

New Primary Curriculum

You may have read articles in the press over the past week about the new Primary Curriculum.

The new primary curriculum has been designed to prepare children for the opportunities and challenges they face in the 21st century. It is designed to enable all young people to become:

- **Successful learners** who enjoy learning, make progress and achieve
- **Confident individuals** who are able to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives
- **Responsible citizens** who make a positive contribution to society.

There is a strong emphasis on children's personal development, including the development of learning and thinking skills, and personal, social and emotional skills.

The new curriculum recognises the importance of play-based and active learning in engaging children and helping them achieve a wide range of outcomes and make the best possible progress.

The new curriculum promotes:

- high standards and good progress for all children, with no child left behind
- a strengthened focus on securing essential literacy and numeracy skills, with opportunities to develop, use and apply these skills embedded throughout the curriculum
- increased expectations of children's information and communication technology (ICT) capability and the use of technology to enhance learning across the curriculum
- a continued entitlement to a broad, balanced and coherent curriculum through the creation of broad areas of learning
- recognition that children need a well-rounded school experience to succeed, and that personal development is essential to wellbeing and achievement
- Better transition from the early years to primary and from primary to secondary education.

The new curriculum becomes statutory in 2011. At Beaver Road, with the transformation of Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 and the introduction of the International Primary Curriculum we are well advanced in preparing for the new curriculum.

If you would like to read for yourself what the new primary curriculum is all about, there is an excellent website that contains information for parents and governors as well as teachers and school leaders:

<http://curriculum.qcda.gov.uk/new-primary-curriculum/>

Healthy lifestyles - Change 4 Life

The website <http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life> has bags of ideas and activities for you to share with your children. On the Children's page there is a recipe book and a cook book to download free. There are online games, product reviews, free gifts and offers available.

You can receive a home introductory pack if you log on. It would be fantastic if we could get every family to join up!

Virgin Active at Parris Wood are offering free activity sessions on Saturday morning for families - see website above for details.

Can you host a child from our German partner school?

Our European partner school the Europaschule GutsPark in Falkensee, Germany would like to bring some of their children over to work in Beaver Road for a week next September. We are looking for families to host the children in their homes for that week. We are also looking at ways of returning the visit - taking our children over to Germany later in 2011. If you could help please write in a short note to David How Headteacher saying how

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many places you could offer. The children from Germany will be between 9 and 11 years old in September 2010.

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