

BEECH CLASS

TRANSITION FROM CORNERSTONES CURRICULUM TO KAPOW PRIMARY CURRICULUM

We hope this newsletter finds you well. We are writing to inform you of an exciting change to the curriculum at the Spire Federation. After careful consideration and consultation, we have made the decision to transition from the Cornerstones curriculum to the Kapow Primary curriculum.

This change comes as part of our ongoing commitment to providing the best possible educational experience for our pupils. The Kapow curriculum offers a fresh, dynamic approach to teaching and learning, with a strong focus on creativity, practical skills, and building knowledge across all subjects. We believe this curriculum will complement and enhance our current teaching practices and further inspire our students to achieve their full potential.

WHY ARE WE MAKING THIS CHANGE?

□ **Enhanced Creativity and Engagement:** Kapow offers an inspiring, topic-based curriculum that is designed to foster creativity and encourage hands-on learning. This aligns with our goal of making learning fun, engaging, and memorable for all children.

□ **Comprehensive Subject Coverage:** Kapow provides a broad, well-rounded education, including subjects such as art, music, computing, physical education, and more, ensuring that all aspects of the curriculum are covered in an exciting and meaningful way.

□ **Progression and Continuity:** The curriculum is structured to ensure clear progression in each subject, enabling students to build on prior knowledge year on year. This ensures continuity in learning and supports children in developing a deeper understanding.

□ **Flexibility and Adaptability:** Kapow is designed to be flexible, allowing us to tailor the content to best meet the needs of our students and integrate their interests and talents into our lessons.

WHAT WILL THIS MEAN FOR YOUR CHILD?

As we transition to Kapow, pupils will experience a curriculum that places emphasis on cross-curricular links, allowing them to make connections between different subjects. The topics are designed to be exciting and engaging, while still ensuring that all the key learning objectives for each year group are met.

We will be integrating these new lessons into our current teaching schedules, ensuring that there is a smooth and supportive transition for all students. You will notice the changes in the way subjects are taught, as the Kapow curriculum brings a focus on more hands-on and project-based activities.



We would like to share with you some of the fascinating topics we will be exploring in class over the next few weeks as part of the Kapow curriculum.

1. Mechanisms – Fairground Wheel: We will begin by studying mechanisms, focusing on the fairground wheel (also known as a Ferris wheel). The children will learn how different mechanisms work together to create movement and explore the science behind simple machines. We will also encourage hands-on learning through fun projects, including building a mini Ferris wheel model! We would be very grateful for any egg boxes, small cardboard boxes or empty milk containers that you could donate!

2. Would You Prefer to Live in a Hot or Cold Place?: In this section, students will engage in a thought-provoking discussion about different climates around the world. They will consider the advantages and disadvantages of living in either a hot or cold environment and how animals and people adapt to extreme conditions. This will tie into a larger conversation about the relationship between climate and geography.

3. Comparing Animals: We will also be diving into the fascinating world of animals, comparing their habitats, behaviours, and physical features. The children will learn how different animals adapt to their environments, and how this affects their survival. This will be an exciting topic that blends biology and environmental science.

We will also be looking at 'pattern' and 'our land' in music, 'thankfulness' in R.E and 'communities' in PSHE.

P.E this term will be on Mondays and Wednesdays so please make sure that your child has their P.E kit and trainers on these days. Whilst we will be in the hall for gymnastics, we will sometimes be outside for ball skills, so the children will need to be dressed according to the weather.

We would like to kindly remind you to ensure that your child brings a water bottle and a waterproof coat to school each day. Staying hydrated is important for your child's focus and well-being throughout the school day, and a water bottle is essential for this.

As we experience unpredictable weather, a waterproof coat is necessary for outdoor activities and play, keeping your child warm and dry during wet conditions.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us ensure that your child is prepared for a comfortable and successful day at school.

With warm regards
Mrs Whitfield and Mrs Blair