

Primary Curriculum Newsletter Spring '21



Welcome

This is our very first Cam Academy Trust Primary Curriculum newsletter!

My name is Em McMurray and as well as being the deputy head at Jeavons Wood Primary, I am the Primary Curriculum Lead for the Trust. I've been working with the head teachers to explore the curriculum of each school and to put together a framework that works across all of our schools. I look forward to explaining more about this on our April training day.

As a Trust, we want to strengthen the specific subject support available to all of our schools. One way, is through the development of a team of subject leaders who have passion in their area of expertise and are willing to develop themselves to become 'experts' in their subject, in turn, supporting you with your curriculum.

I thought this first newsletter would be a really useful way to introduce you to the Trust Subject Leaders, who have just started on this journey! Many of you have already attended initial subject network meetings, thank you, I really appreciate the time you are giving to this, especially in such a busy term! As you continue to get to know each other, I'm certain these subject networks will grow into a really useful tool of subject support. Moving forward, this termly newsletter will provide the perfect space to share subject specific curriculum developments.



Next term, I will be in touch with English, Maths and Science leaders to look at how we might structure network support in these subjects too.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me:
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EYFS Lead

I am Millie Chapman and am The Early Years and Key Stage One Lead and Assistant Head at Jeavons Wood.

I have taught in all year groups within Key Stage One over my career and enjoy different elements of all year groups. I am firmly in the camp of 'For the majority of children their early schooling shapes the rest of their school lives' Anyone who has had the misfortune to discuss this with me will testify to the fact that I can bore for England on the subject.

I am an Early Years moderator for the Local Authority, a Specialist Lead in Education for Early Years and Phonics and chair the CB23 cluster group meetings. I thoroughly enjoy learning from others through discussions and the swapping of advice and the various roles I have been privileged to undertake over the years have allowed me these opportunities in abundance.

I now have the opportunity to represent The Cam Academy Trust as the Early Years Lead and look forward to working with everyone over the coming year.

Please feel free to contact me, even those of you that are not currently teaching in Early Years or Key Stage One, if you would like any advice or support. I will always do my best to help, even if I don't know the answer immediately myself, I usually know someone who can help out.

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Music Lead

Hi, my name is Katie Crozier and I am delighted to be The Cam Academy Trust Music Subject Leader. I look forward to working with you and your colleagues to develop musical opportunities for the children in our schools. I have taught music classes from R to Y6 in two primary schools before moving to Jeavons Wood in September and have led choirs, handchime groups, orchestras and ensembles. Old news now but a proud moment - I was awarded Classic FM Primary Music Teacher of the Year award in 2014. I play piano and violin and used to conduct the Hunts Community Youth Orchestra before Covid got in the way.

Like you all I'm sure, I am longing for a time when music floats around the corridors of our schools again. The musical Christmas magic was sorely missed this year. Good times await.

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ICT Lead



Hi, I'm Emma Whitehead. I am based at Hartford Junior School and have been the Computing Lead for the last few years.

It was lovely to meet other leads from the Trust schools in January and discover what different types of computing and IT equipment we have between us. We had an interesting discussion about the computing curriculum that we are all teaching. The range of remote teaching strategies and delivery was astounding everyone - well done!

My big tip for the moment (if you have a Facebook account) would be to join a couple of groups; the "CAS Primary Community" group provides links to a wealth of training opportunities about all areas of the curriculum and it doesn't matter where in the country the training is taking place! The other group that I would recommend is "Primary Computing Coordinators UK", where it is possible to pose a question and receive advice and answers from a huge range of very helpful people!

I hope the remainder of the remote teaching during lockdown went well, and that you are enjoying being back in the classroom with the children!

Please contact me if you need any help. EWhitehead@hartfordjuniorschool.org

Design Technology Lead

My name is Chris Cutler and as the Design Technology Trust Lead I am excited to see the prospects of how Design and Technology can enable children to have practical skills, such as cooking and sewing, benefit them for the rest of their life. I truly believe that these skills along with an awareness of how products can serve the local environment, and can benefit local communities and habitats are essential for children in their learning journey. If you would like to contact me about resources or anything else regarding DT then please do not hesitate to email on

ccutler@gamlingayvp.org.

Many thanks

Chris



History Lead



Hello! My name is Angela Bottiglieri. I teach at Jeavons Wood and am currently in my third year of teaching. I currently teach in the Foundation Stage but was a KS2 teacher for the last two years.

I lead history at Jeavons Wood and recently took on the role of history subject lead for the trust. Whilst my actual qualifications in history only go as far as an A-Level, I have a keen interest for the subject both in and outside of school. This is largely because I see it as a subject which covers such a wide area and unlocks an array of skills which I myself have used in all aspects of life. Understanding and enjoying history brings with it a sense of intrigue and curiosity, as well as the esteem that comes with learning new knowledge. This is why I feel passionate about delivering rich history learning across our trust, which includes everyone and allows all children to feel empowered and interested.

I welcome the opportunity to develop my skills and knowledge and to enhance my own teaching of history. I enjoy taking new and innovative ideas from others and trying these out within my classroom. My role here is to facilitate the sharing and collaboration of our best skills and practices, in order to support one another to deliver outstanding history teaching in our schools. I hope that, by working together, we can all be feel confident and upskilled in our leading of primary history.

My contact details can be found below. Please do contact me at any point for advice or support in all things history, and I will endeavour to point you in the right direction, whether this be CPD or an individual who is an expert in the area. Following our first meeting on the 28th January, we have established a One Drive Folder where we can share useful documents such as curriculum overviews, knowledge organisers and skills progression. Please feel free to explore this as you wish, and ask if there is anything else you feel would be useful.

We will aim to meet again on the week commencing 19th April and will finalise dates nearer the time. If you would like to ask or discuss anything in the meantime, please don't hesitate to let me know. ABottiglieri@jeavonswood.org

Religious Education Lead

Hi, my name is Sophie Butcher, I am the Religious Education Subject Lead for the Trust and I have been RE lead at Jeavons Wood for 4 years. During that time, we have developed a progressive theme-based curriculum using the Cambridgeshire Agreed Syllabus, as well as creating resource boxes and Knowledge Organisers to support our units of work. I am passionate about using Religious Education as a tool to expand our children's understanding of others and how this can benefit the communities in which they live in.

So far, I have had the pleasure of meeting many RE subject leads across the Trust and I look forward to continuing to work with you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me: sbutcher@jeavonswood.org



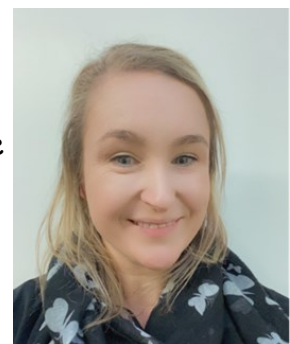
Our next meeting will be on Thursday 22nd April @ 3:30 via Teams.

Art Lead

Hello! My name is Beccy and I am very excited to be the Art lead for the Trust. This is my fifth year as Art Lead at Jeavons Wood Primary School. When I started my journey as Art lead at Jeavons, I had very limited knowledge in Art and was very apprehensive about taking on the role. However, I have thoroughly enjoyed the learning, development and experiences I have had over the past few years. I have been able to develop my own subject knowledge to a far greater level and then use this to help further develop our Art curriculum here as Jeavons Wood.

Teaching primary Art and delivering an enriched curriculum across the Trust, is extremely important to me. This gives our pupils the knowledge, skills and concepts necessary for them to express responses to ideas and experiences. High-quality art and design education will engage, inspire and challenge our pupils, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to experiment, recreate, invent and create their own works of art, craft and design.

I am very excited to be working in collaboration with Art leaders from our other Primary Trust schools. We have had our first meeting, in which we talked about what Art, and an Art curriculum, looks like in our own schools. We were able to share ideas and we discussed the benefit of sharing resources. A particular area we wanted to focus on was creating a collaborative bank of Artists, which we all feel our pupils should be exposed to at some point in their primary career. This is going to be a working project as we go forward. A sharing Art folder will also be set up on Sharepoint after Easter. This will be for knowledge organisers and different resources, so please feel free to have a look. Our next meeting will be the Summer term. If you need anything in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me: bboyden@jeavonswood.org



MFL Lead



Alice Evans - MFL Lead (alevans@jeavonswood.org)

I have been the MFL Lead at Jeavons Wood for two years. Although I don't have a foreign languages background, I've found my degree in Education & English and masters in vocabulary acquisition extremely useful to help me to understand the importance of a build-up of grammatical and linguistic skills. I'm very excited to have started working with the MFL network across our Trust schools. We had our first network meeting and this was a great opportunity to understand the similarities and differences across

our schools and how everyone's been getting on with the teaching of MFL at home. Below is a summary of approaches across the schools:

Offord Primary (Katie Brown)

Spanish is taught weekly by a HLTA as PPA cover. The school use the Rachel Hawkes language scheme.

Everton Heath (Jane Walker)

French is taught weekly by both class teachers and a HLTA.

Gamlingay Primary (Katie May)

Spanish is taught weekly (30 mins) and 5 minute daily inputs are also prepared by the MFL lead - these are shared across KS2. Y3&4 class teachers teach their Spanish lessons, and in Y5&6 this is taught by a teacher from Comberton Village College. The school follows the Rachel Hawkes scheme.

Hartford Juniors (Emma Whitehead)

French is taught weekly by class teachers and follow the Rachel Hawkes scheme.

Jeavons Wood (Alice Evans)

Spanish is taught weekly from Y3-6. Year 3, 4 and 5 class teachers teach their Spanish lessons, and in Year 6 this is taught by a teacher from Cambourne Village College.

I hope our group will provide a useful place for advice, support and resources. Over time, we will cover assessment, raising the profile of MFL, deep dives and more. Although we teach different languages, it was brilliant to learn how we are schools share a lot of similarities!

Our next MFL meeting will take place in the Summer Term - in this meeting we will be focusing on how everyone has found the teaching of MFL after the opportunities and challenges of home learning, as well as touching on Assessment in MFL.

Geography Lead

Hi! My name is Nick O'Leary. I have always loved to travel to interesting places and experience different cultures. So, I was thrilled to take on the role of Geography Subject Lead for the trust. It will be a privilege to share this passion and enthusiasm for the amazing places and people in our world with the learners across our schools.



In meetings with the geography leaders in the trust, we've planned to explore curriculum, quality teaching and learning, geography skills and leadership. I'm really excited to promote geography in our trust to give the children powerful learning experiences, that help them to grow and flourish.

Feel free to contact me for geography support. NLeary@gamlingayvp.org

PSHE Lead

Hi! I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Liz du Toit and I have the pleasure of being part of the teaching staff at Hartford Infant School.

One of my roles in school is PSHE lead which I inherited by default a few years ago, and I'm so happy I did. Unlike some of the other subject leads, I am not specifically qualified in this field except to say that I am deeply invested in the wellbeing and personal development of our children.

Being part of the CAM Trust Subject Leaders group will allow me, I hope, the opportunity to work alongside other PSHE leads in our schools. My intentions are that we should become a network of school staff that can support and learn from each other - sharing good practice, ideas for curriculum design, pedagogy, assessment and resources etc. This will, I expect, raise our confidence in leading PSHE in our schools and in will in turn impact the children in our care. We want them to become well rounded individuals with the skills, knowledge and understanding to lead healthy, confident and independent lives.



If there is anything I can do to help please don't hesitate to contact me ldutoit@hartfordinfantschool.org.

Next Newsletter

Please look out for our next newsletter in the summer term!