

Beech Class Newsletter – Autumn (2)

Our topic this term is 'Celebrations and Momentous Moments'.

Staffing in Beech Class:

Teacher: Miss Baker LSA: Mrs Bloom, Miss Clark,
Mrs Wright, Mrs Pickwell.

English:

Our book focus this term is 'Traditional Tales'. We will enjoy listening to, reading, performing, retelling and innovating our own versions of stories, for example The Three Billy Goats Gruff and The Ugly Duckling.

We will also be noticing rhyming couplets in a range of poems and exploring their features, leading onto writing our own.

Phonics sessions are a fundamental part of English within Year 1 which continues onto learning spelling rules in Year 2. In class we provide children with daily phonics or spelling sessions in which they will practise saying, recognising, reading and writing sounds which they will practise for their homework on a weekly basis (Fridays).

Reading:

Year 1 reading books will be changed every Monday, Year 2 on a Wednesday if they have been read at home. Consistent and daily reading at home is key to success-little and often. We will check reading records every Friday.

DT: Christmas Ginger Biscuits

We have a new and exciting topic in DT for this whole term and the whole school are getting involved!

Children will be testing different varieties of biscuits and using their taste testing skills to rate the appearance, consistency and deliciousness of existing biscuits. We will use our investigations to inform us how to make and decorate our own ginger biscuits with a Christmas theme. Children will learn about the importance of food hygiene when preparing foods and follow procedures to ensure safe and tasty food is created. Through the design process, children will be required to think carefully about decorative techniques and bring their design to life.

Maths:

This term we will be focusing on:

- Addition
- Subtraction

I will send out the optional maths workbook for homework after the Christmas holidays as consolidation.

PE:

This half term, we will be participating in P.E **every Wednesday and Thursday** afternoon. Beech class will be joining in an outdoor PE lesson with Chris, focusing on Basketball/Netball skills. Wednesday's session will be led by Miss Baker, focusing on Gymnastics skills.

All pupils are required to attend school in their full PE kit on these days. Please could you ensure your child has suitable clothing for this, in accordance with the school's uniform policy, including removing earrings.

History:

The Great Fire of London will be our history focus over the next seven weeks. We will be listening to and reading stories about what happened during this significant historical event in our capital city. 'Vlad' the flea will help us learn about the key events and we will be writing our own diary entries as if we were there. We will also use drama to role play and freeze frame what happened.

PSHCE:

In SCARF this term, we will be 'Valuing Differences'.

Children will learn to:

- Identify some of the physical and non-physical differences and similarities between people.
- Know and use words and phrases that show respect for other people.
- Identify people who are special to them and explain ways those people are special to them.
- Recognise and explain how a person's behaviour can affect other people.
- Explain how it feels to be part of a group and how it feels to be left out from a group.

Computing:

Computing does not always mean using a computer or laptop. Understanding how objects move using a computer inside is also an important skill to acquire.

This term we will:

- Recognise cause and effect when pressing buttons on a Bee-Bot.
- Discuss and demonstrate how the Bee-Bot/Blue-Bot works.
- Record video ensuring everyone is in the shot.
- Give a number of clear instructions in sequence.
- Program a Bee-Bot to reach a destination.
- Identify and correct mistakes in their programming.



Religious Education:

Throughout Autumn (2), Beech Class will be investigating the enquiry question 'How does a celebration bring a community together?'

Children will be describing the events of Christmas and Eid, discussing and comparing how Christians celebrate Christmas and reflecting our own Christmas traditions.

Christian Value: Our value this term is 'Compassion', through assemblies and collective worship, the children will begin to explore its meaning and value. Please see the worship newsletter for additional information.



Nativity:

This half term is always very exciting in Beech and Willow class as we practice our songs ready for our Nativity performance. This year's performance is called 'Simply The Nativity'. See performance dates below and look out for information regarding clothing.

Music:

We will be learning about how pulse, rhythm and pitch work together using the style of old school hip hop and reggae. We will listen to and appraise a range of songs, recognising repeating patterns and identifying musical instruments. We will learn the lyrics to some simple raps and use body percussion to feel the steady beat and keep time.



Important Dates:

5.11.24: First Day of Autumn 2 Term

6.11.24 and 7.11.24: Parents Evenings.

15.11.24: Odd Socks Day

29.11.24: Panto in School 2-3pm

3.12.24: Nativity Performance to parents 2pm

4.12.24: Nativity Performance to parents 9.30am

20.12.24: Last day of Autumn Term



Website Links:

Maths-Top Marks: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

Phonics Play-There are plenty of free games to play on this website that the children are familiar with.
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources>.

Primary Games Arena <https://primarygamesarena.com/>

This website has games that cover lots of subjects across the curriculum!