

Beech Class Newsletter – Summer (2)

Our topic this term is, 'What a wonderful world'.

English:

This half term, we will be using our History unit of work to write our own 1st person recounts based on a significant figure (Neil Armstrong or Mae Jemison). Children will use books and the internet to research why these individuals are recognised as key figures in history within the field of space travel.





We will also be using stories involving space (including 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon) to practise key skills, for example using the correct punctuation, sentence structure, spelling rules (including tricky/common exception words) and grammatical features that are integral to the National Curriculum expectations for KS1.

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 Tuesday 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.

As a school, we will be continuing our new reward system. **Children will need to have read on 4 separate days (in one week) for staff to update the register towards their reward** (this will be checked on a Friday morning).

Week 1				
Day 1 ✓ Read 	Day 2 ✓ Read 	Day 3 ✓ Read 	Day 4 ✓ Read 	= staff update registers in school
Note - These do not need to be consecutive days, just four separate days within the week				
End of Week 5				
If the above is repeated for three consecutive weeks = child wins a prize				
End of Week 6				
If repeated for a further three consecutive weeks = child wins an additional reward				

Maths:

This term we will be focusing on:

- Measure (Length and Height)
- Fractions
- Time
- Money

Additional homework will continue to be given to children on a Friday at the end of the above units to help consolidate the learning they have been doing in class. Extra marbles will be awarded for this.

PE:

This half term, we will be participating in P.E **every Tuesday and Thursday** afternoon. Both sessions will be led by Mr Osborne. Tuesday's will be Born to Move on the playground and Thursday's will be Rounders (on the field-weather permitting).

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 and long hair tied back.

RE:

Our Enquiry Question this half term is '**What is the good news Christians say Jesus brings?**'

Pupils will learn about the concept of 'Gospel' and the good news of forgiveness, peace and love that Christians believe Jesus brings. Pupils will learn about Matthew the Tax Collector and how Christians believe that Jesus offers forgiveness, looking at their heart rather than what they have done in the past. Pupils will learn about the instructions that Jesus gives in the Bible and how Christians follow his example and these instructions in order to behave in a Christ like way. Pupils will take time to consider whether Jesus' good news is only good news for Christians or whether there are things for people from different worldviews to consider.

Our half termly Christian Value this half term is 'truthfulness'. Children will engage with this value through stories and hymns as part of our daily Collective Worship.

History:

We will be continuing to study the lives of significant individuals in the past (namely Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus) who have contributed to national and international achievements. We will compare aspects of their lives and how their work has helped us in the modern world.

DT:

Our DT this term will be based around 'Fantastic Fruit'.

Children will learn about the wide variety of fruit available; how it is prepared; how to create a fruit-based dish and the role of fruit in a balanced diet. During this unit children will have the opportunity to explore fruit using their senses and develop appropriate vocabulary. Children will use the knowledge they gain to plan and make their own creative fruit dish. We look forward to taste testing different fruits, granola and yogurts to create our very own fruit pots!



PSHCE:

In our SCARF lessons this term, we will be looking at the topic 'Growing and Changing'.

Children will take part in discussions around the following topics:

- Getting help
- Becoming independent
- My body parts
- Taking care of self & others



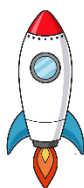
*Please note, this is a Year 1 unit and will be taught as a whole class. Year 2 content will be taught to Year 2 only as separate lessons.

Computing:

Our focus for this half is 'Rocket to the Moon'.

Pupils will be able to:

- Use a computer to make a list.
- Explain the benefits of making a list on the computer.
- Use a basic range of tools on art software to design a rocket.
- Sequence instructions.
- Follow instructions to build their model rocket.
- Evaluate and edit their rocket design.



French:

This term our topic in French is 'Jungle Animals'.

We will be learning how to:

- Recognise and recall seven jungle animals in French.
- Recall numbers 1-5 more easily in French.

Children can practice vocabulary learnt in our French lessons this year by logging into the Language Angels App or desktop website.



Science:

In Science we will be looking at 'Animals, including humans.'

Key Objectives include:

- Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults.
- Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air).
- Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.



Music:

Our music unit of work this half term is called 'The Friendship Song'. We will listen to appraise a range of songs, use voices and instruments to improvise with songs and finally perform and share existing and new music. We will learn how they can enjoy moving to music by dancing, marching, pretending to be animals or pop stars. Children will also discover how songs can tell a story or describe an idea.



Geography:

In Geography, we will be using our knowledge of Continents and Oceans from a previous unit of work, to investigate animals and why they live in certain parts of the world. Children will also plan their own journeys using key geographical vocabulary.

Important Dates:

02.06.2026: First Day of Summer Term (2)

19.06.26: Provisional Sports Day

16.07.2026: Class Trip to Fingringhoe Wick Nature Reserve (info to follow via school office)

17.07.2026: Last day of academic year

