

Class: Beech
Spring Term: 1

Literacy

Key Text: Alien Landing

Purpose for writing: Our literacy unit this term focuses on writing a narrative which is action based. We will start the unit by honing the skills learnt last term in multiple short burst writing opportunities before moving on to our talk for writing narrative unit.

Grammar: This term we will focus our grammatical learning on using correct pronouns to avoid repetition whilst ensuring that the understanding of who/what the pronoun is replacing is clear. Year 5s will be concentrating on the use of relative clauses to add additional information to their writing.

Word Reading / Comprehension: As part of our reading this term, we will be focusing on summarizing. Children we will given techniques on how to answer summary and sequencing questions from a reading comprehension exercise. We will be continually practicing our other VIPER skills too!

Geography

Focus: Trade and economics

In this term's geography unit we will be looking at how trade and economics is affected by geographical location. We will look at what the terms trade and economics mean, before learning the basic foundations of both themes.

We will explore local, national and global trade and how all three are interlinked. We will finish the unit by understanding what is meant by the term "fair trade" and how differences in economic wealth can affect trading relationships.

Art

Focus: Insects

In art this term, we will be focusing on our painting and drawing skills. We will look at using different materials and drawing techniques to create our finished piece which will be an intricate drawing of an insect.

Computing

Focus—Spreadsheets and Databases

This term we are exploring the role of spreadsheets and databases. We will look at the basic functions they can perform and create some databases of our own. All children now have a PurpleMash login so they can explore our computing unit at home as well.

Quest: Forces

This term, our quest focus is based around our science topic. We will be exploring different forces that children will come across in every day life. We will use our significant person to provide opportunities for cross curricular writing.

Music

Focus: Stop

This term we will learning a new song— Stop which is a rap song about bullying. We will discuss the theme, before learning and performing the song. We will end the unit by creating our own rap song..

PE

Focus: Cognitive Skills

This term in PE we will be focusing on our cognitive skills. We will be looking at how important our mental skills are in physical activities. In our other PE lessons, we will be completing a REAL Gym unit, where we will be exploring our gymnastic skills and abilities.

PHSE

Focus: Being Me in My World

Both year groups will be completing our new PSHE scheme topic of being me in my world. We will look at global citizenship and personal democracy.

Maths

Year 4: Multiplication; Length and Perimeter

This term we will be continuing our unit on multiplication and division. We will be learning the formal written method of multiplication and short division before applying this to different mathematical problems. Later on in the term we will be learning how to calculate the perimeter of a shape. We will finishing the unit by calculating missing lengths using properties of shape.

Year 5: Multiplication; Fractions

At the start of this term, we will be extending our learning about multiplication. We will consolidate our formal written method of short multiplication, before moving on to long multiplication (4 digits by 2 digits). We will consolidate our learning on short division by dividing 4 digit numbers by 1 digit. The second half of the term we will revisit fractions again. We will be learning how to multiply fractions by integers before revisiting findings fractions of an amount.

Science

Physics— Forces

This term in science we will be focusing our learning on forces. We will explore different forces that children experience on a daily basis such as gravity. We will look into different types of resistance before moving on to looking at magnetic forces.

As part of our significant person, we will learn about the discoveries of Sir Isaac Newton, and their importance in modern science.

RE

Focus: Christianity—Creation & Science This term we will look at the relationship between Christianity and science. We will look at Christian beliefs about creation as well as scientific beliefs and look at the similarities and differences between them.

French

Focus: Animals and colours

This term in French we will be learning the French words for common animals and pets. We will then move on to learning our colours in French before using them to describe our animals.