

Autumn Term 2 Overview—Beech Class—2023/24

Literacy

Key Text: Hansel and Gretel

Purpose for writing: Defeating the Monster story

Grammar: Word Reading / Comprehension:

We will begin our literacy this term by ensuring we are using correct sentence structures. We will then build in complexity to improve our sentence writing. Our literacy unit will focus on how to create a powerful atmosphere using effective descriptive vocabulary and show not tell techniques. Towards the end of term, we will look at how to write an explanation text.

In our guided reading lessons we will focus on the key skill of summarizing and look at how sequence events in a piece of writing.

Computing

Focus: Online safety/Spreadsheets

This term in computing we will have a dual focus, online safety and spreadsheets. We will learn about staying safe online, including scams, phishing and social media before moving on to exploring how spreadsheets are used in the real world.

Quest:

In this quest, we will be learning all about rainforests and their ecological importance to the world.

Maths

Year 4 Multiplication and division; measurement—area

We will begin our learning this term with focusing on multiplication and division before moving on to how we calculate area. We will be focusing our learning on our times tables and related division facts. This unit will consolidate the learning that has already taken place on our times tables.

Year 5 Multiplication and division; Fractions

Year 5s will also begin their maths learning about multiplication and division. They will begin by looking at multiples and factors before moving onto prime numbers. The unit will also consolidate our learning on multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000.

We will then move onto learning about fractions. We will look at equivalent fractions, comparing and ordering fractions before learning how to add and subtract fractions with mixed numbers.

Art /DT

DT— Pulleys and Gears

This term in DT we will look at designing an environmentally friendly car that the Rainforest Alliance might sell. We will learn how pulleys and gears work before moving on to product design. We will then use measuring and woodwork skills to create our own moving toy car. Children will be taught how to safely use cutting tools and glue guns.

Art — Collage

In art this term we will be mainly focusing on collage. We will explore famous South American artists and look at indigenous art from the region. We will explore using colour and texture to create our own Amazon-style collage based on the Great Kapok Tree.

Music

Focus: Classroom Jazz

This term in music, we will be basing our learning on jazz music. We will explore the genre, looking at pulse, tempo and musical composition, before looking at composing our own music piece.

PE

Focus: Social Skills/Real Dance In REAL PE this term, we will be focusing on our social skills as we continue to develop our fundamental movement skills. In Real Dance this term, we will learn about rhythm and how to collaborate to construct routines.

PHSE/RSE

Focus: Celebrating difference In PSHE this term we will focus on looking at differences we have between our peers and communities. We will look at how positive relationships are fostered.

Science

Focus: Biology and living things— human focus

Working Scientifically:

In science this term we will be looking into the life cycle of humans. We will learn about how embryos develop and how babies develop. We will move onto looking at characteristics of puberty and development into adulthood, before looking at the human body as it moves into old age.

RE

Focus: Was Jesus the Messiah

In RE this term we be looking at why Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah. We will explore how Jesus' actions and how Christians believe his prophecies to be messages from God.

Foreign Languages

Focus: In class

In French this term, we will be looking at what vocabulary we need to know to get by in school and in the classroom.