

Summer Term 1 Overview—Beech Class—2023/24

Literacy

Key Text: The Night Fairy

Purpose for writing: This term in our literacy unit we will be looking at our creative writing, with a focus on setting and character. We will use dialogue to build our character description and to move the action forward. In week 1, we will address any gaps in our writing from the previous unit, before spending the rest of the term

Reading: in our whole class reading this term, we will be basing our learning on The Legend of Podkin One Ear. We will have a class set of books so everyone is able to follow along with the story. We will explore the vocabulary developed in the text and answer comprehension based questions. We will also complete practice reading comprehensions independently.

Computing

Focus: Animations and effective searches
This term in computing we will be learning about how to create animations. We will explore movement and character before learning how to use search engines effectively to answer questions.

Quest: A Study of Europe
In this quest, we will be learning all about the continent of Europe. We will be exploring the countries that make up the continent, locating major cities and natural features, before completing a comparison between the countries of Italy and Iceland.

Maths

Year 4: Decimals; Money; Time
This term we will focus our learning on decimals. We will understand what a decimal is and how to use place value charts to aid our learning. We will explore the relationship between fractions and decimals as well as ordering and comparing them. Towards the end of the term, we will move on to learning about money and time, two concepts of vital importance in the real world!

Year 5: Shape; position and direction
This term, Year 5s will be commencing their unit on shape. They will learn about the different properties of both 2D and 3D shapes, before understanding how to identify lines of symmetry and reflection. Towards the end of term, Yr5s will learn about coordinates and position on a graph. They will explore how to move position on a grid.

Geography

This term in Geography, we will be looking at the geography of the continent of Europe. We will be exploring the key human and physical features within its borders. We will learn the major capital cities and locate them on a map. We locate major rivers and mountain ranges. We will compare the countries of Iceland and Italy. These two countries share a similar feature—active volcanoes. We will explore how these affect the human geography of each country.

Music

Focus: *Dancing in the Street* This term, Yr5s will be following the unit on Dancing in the Street. They will learn to sing the song, as well as play their musical instruments to mimic beat, rhythm and tempo. Yr4s will spend their music lessons practicing for their “Big Sing” concert.

Science

In our science this term, we will be focusing on the strand of physics. We will be learning all about light. We will explore how light enables us to see and how light travels. We will investigate what happens when light can't travel through a material and understand the terms transparent, translucent and opaque. We will look at how light reflects and refracts. We will end our learning by exploring how telescopes work. As always, we will be working scientifically to answer questions.

PE

Focus: Health and Fitness/Cricket In REAL PE this term, we will be focusing on how we can ensure that we stay fit and healthy. In our second PE session, we will be developing and progressing our skills in cricket. We will learn the correct bowling techniques and focus on our batting.

RE

Focus: What makes a place a peaceful place to live? In this unit, children will be exploring what makes a peaceful community. We will explore the values of respect, tolerance and understanding, all of which can help unite communities. We will also explore what happens when communities are disconnected.

DT- Vehicle Alarms

In the second half of the term we will be looking at creating a vehicle alarm. We will explore how to wire an alarm system and work as designers to create a bespoke and functioning car alarm.

PHSE/RSE

Focus: Relationships in this unit, the children will be looking at how to develop healthy relationships with everyone they come into contact with. We will discuss what constitutes and unhealthy relationship.

Foreign Languages

Focus: Pets
In French this term, we will be looking the different words for our pets. We will learn how to describe them.