

Beech Class



Autumn 2 2019

Welcome Back

After our amazing first half-term, the children have come back full of energy and enthusiasm for our new learning. This term promises to be a busy one, with new topics, exciting challenges and preparations for Christmas.

Beech Class continue to enjoy our new classroom and have impressed me with the care they are showing towards our environment. They are making a huge effort with presentation and are showing determination to do their best. I can't wait to see what the children will achieve with this positive attitude!

Literacy

Our fiction writing this term will focus on writing a journey tale. This will give the children the opportunity to look into characterisation, and how a character can change over the course of a story. Our focus will be on writing powerful descriptive text to give a real sense of the character's feelings and experiences.

Following this, we will move on to our non-fiction unit. We will learn how to write a persuasive text, using tools such as rhetorical questions, opinions and facts, and cause and effect conjunctions. This will link in with our Learning Quest investigations about heroes.

We will also continue to practice spelling and handwriting on a daily basis.

Learning Quest

This term, Beech Class will complete our investigation about rehoming an animal that has been displaced by the Amazon forest fires. We have discovered lots of fascinating information, and are very close to deciding on our recommendation.



Following this, we will begin work on our new topic: Heroes! We will meet some real life heroes, learn about historical heroes and consider questions such as:

- What is a hero?
- Can anyone be a hero? How?
- Who is my hero? Why?



Behaviour & Reward

The children have adapted well to the new behaviour system and have shown a good understanding of the expectations in school.

For full details, please see the new behaviour policy on the school website.

Numeracy

Numeracy in Beech Class will follow the White Rose scheme of learning, which focusses on developing mastery of each mathematical area. We are continuing with addition and subtraction, using numbers with four digits and more, and completing exchanges between columns.

This will lead us into multiplication and division, where the children will be expanding their knowledge and developing their reasoning skills.

We are continuing to practice our times tables every day, using a variety of songs, games and quizzes. The children are now developing a strong understanding of how multiplication and division facts work together (e.g $2 \times 3 = 6$ and $6 \div 3 = 2$).

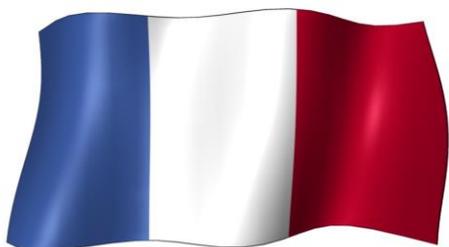
PE

Beech Class will continue to have PE lessons each week on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

The children need to have a named PE kit in school at all times, including footwear please as they will need trainers/plimsolls for both indoor and outdoor lessons.

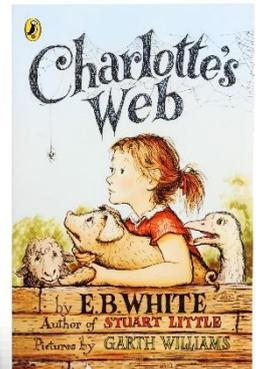
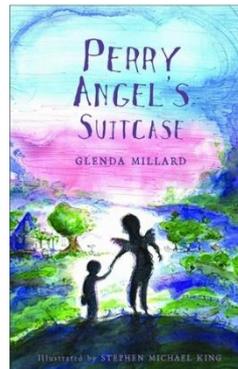
French

The children have been enjoying our French lessons and love the opportunity to try out a new language. We will continue our weekly lessons throughout this term, focussing on speaking and listening skills. This term, our topic is 'On the Move.' We will learn how to talk about transport, our journey to school and how to give directions.



Reading

We continue to enjoy our daily Reading Pledge time, and are enjoying a wide variety of writing. Following on from Skellig, we have read Perry Angel's Suitcase and are now in the middle of Charlotte's Web. It has been very interesting to hear the children's thoughts about these books, and to see some of the language used in the children's own writing.



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Dates for the diary

Autumn Term 1

Monday 18th November

Beech Class Parent's Day

Thursday 5th December 2.30pm

Beech Class Assembly

Friday 20th December

End of Autumn Term