

Beech Class



Spring 2 2020

Welcome Back

I hope you had a fun and restful break and are ready for a busy half-term! The children have made a great start and are already working hard and making great progress across the curriculum.

Literacy

Our fiction writing this term will focus on writing a warning story. We will continue to write expressive setting descriptions, thinking carefully about using all five senses. We will also be thinking carefully about sentence construction, making sure that our fantastic vocabulary makes sense!

Following this, we will move on to our non-fiction unit. We will learn how to write a set on detailed instructions, and will be practising this by explaining how to do a wide variety of activities. We will learn how to use imperative verbs (bossy verbs), and will use adverbs to structure and order our work.

RE

This term's RE learning will focus on the Easter story. We will be exploring the question "Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?"

Our worship theme for this term is Honesty and Self Esteem. In class and whole school worship, we will be looking at these values and discovering the importance of honesty. We will also think carefully about how we can build our self-esteem and support others to do the same.

Learning Quest

Key stage 2 had an exciting time at our recent Heroes Evening. Children were able to ask questions and find out all about the lives of real everyday heroes. They also enjoyed some tasty home-made treats!

This term, Beech Class will be taking on the Roman army! We have already found out about what soldiers used to wear and what weapons they had. Later, we will look at Roman society and the spread of the Roman Empire in different countries.

We will make a comparison between the geography of Italy and England and analyse how this had an effect on the lives of the soldiers.

We will be finding out about what Roman soldiers did in their free time and asking ourselves the question "would I want to be a Roman soldier?"

Shrove Tuesday Flipathon

The children had a great time competing in our flipathon. There were many different techniques used with varying success, and the hall floor was covered in butts of pancake. Some children managed to flip their pancakes over 30 times in 60 seconds!



Numeracy

Numeracy in Beech Class will follow the White Rose scheme of learning, which focuses on developing mastery of each mathematical area. We are currently exploring fractions and are learning how to add and subtract fractions with different denominators. We will soon be using fractions larger than a whole, and will practise converting them in order to complete calculations.

Times tables continue to be a daily focus, and the children now have lots of methods to practise and memorise these.

Find out more <http://whiterosemathshub.co.uk/>

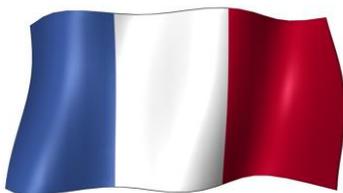
PE

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 continue to enjoy our French lessons and are having great fun working on their accents! This term's topic is Family and Friends. We will learn lots of vocabulary to talk about our family, our homes and our pets. This will include lots of descriptive words and sentences. As always, our lessons will focus on getting the children to talk and listen to each other and use their new language skills practically.



Reading

We continue to enjoy our daily Reading Pledge time, and are enjoying a wide variety of writing. We are currently reading *Mold* and *The Poison Plot* by Lorraine Gregory, which contains fantastic dialogue and some wonderful characters!

We will also be studying *The Story of Icarus* and *The Minpins* by Roald Dahl as inspiring examples of warning stories.

School trips

Year 5 had an amazing experience at our recent PDET maths day. They did a great job of working out complex maths problems and developed impressive teamwork skills.



Year 4 will soon be enjoying a residential at Beaumanor Hall. It promises to be a fun-packed few days, with activities such as climbing, canoeing and a murder mystery!

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Dates for the diary Spring Term 2

Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th February

Year 4 trip to Beaumanor

Wednesday 11th March – Beaumanor Assembly @ 2.30pm

Thursday 12th March – Year 4 Faith Day

Friday 3rd April

End of Spring Term 2