



Spring 2017

Beech Class Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to another new term in Beech class. I hope you all had a great Christmas holiday. Wow, what a term we've just had! We've got another exciting one coming up. We will be arranging a trip on a steam train towards the end of term (when the weather's better) so watch this space! If you have any queries please catch me on the playground or email me at cthomas@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk


The Railways—fire breathing monster or benefit to mankind?—This term we'll be learning about the age of the steam trains. Children will be learning about the various types of early steam locomotives, the designer and will be deciding, through role play, whether they think the trains were a good idea. A lot of our other work will be linked to this topic and we'll be doing lots of problems solving (like making suitable track layouts).



English: This term will be looking in more depth at narrative and how to develop description of character, setting and plot. Children will continue to develop their use of expanded noun phrases and well as complex sentences. Some of our work will focus around our recent class book 'Oliver and the Seawigs'. In reading we will be focusing on deepening children's comprehension skills; using inference and deduction.


Science: Learning in science forces and magnets. Children will learn what forces are and how they are measured and used to benefit. They will look at the effects of magnets and find out which materials are attracted to magnets. There will be a number of investigations in science.

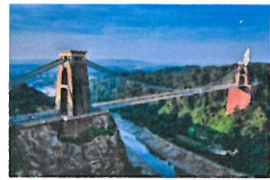
RE - Children continue a focus on Hinduism and Christianity and learn about symbols and expression including beginning to understand the Trinity.

Maths— Additive reasoning: adding and subtracting three and four digit numbers; solving addition and subtraction problems using measure and money; interpreting bar charts with questions such as 'how many fewer?'. 

Number sense: recognising tenths, hundredths and other unit fractions; adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator.

Multiplicative reasoning: recalling and using various multiplication and division facts; solving missing number problems involving multiplication and division.

PE will be on a Monday (with Mr Bardot) and Wednesday —please ensure children have appropriate, labelled kit. 

DT - Later on this term we will be looking at bridges (a link to topic and science). Children will learn about the different types of bridges and will work with different materials to build their own model bridges. 

Homework will be handed out on a Wednesday and collected in on a Monday and will sometimes include 'Mymaths'

Mr Thomas and Mrs Holohan