



Beech Class Newsletter



Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you enjoyed the summer break! It has been a pleasure welcoming the children back this week and we are looking forward to a busy term exploring our new topic 'Through the Ages'.

Please find below an overview of the learning that will be taking place this term and a timetable of a typical week in Beech Class.

English: We have started this term getting to know the book, 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. Over the next couple of weeks, we will spend time learning the text and getting to know the vocabulary, grammar and punctuation the book uses in order to write our own stories based on the book. During the term, the children will be given the opportunity to learn about and produce both fiction and non-fiction pieces of writing.

Reading: This week your child should have come home with a reading book to read at home and in school. To support your child with their reading we ask that you try to listen to them read a few pages daily. Your child has also chosen a book to read in class from the library during independent reading time. Throughout the week your child will take part in guided reading sessions to support them with developing their comprehension skills and we will be reading 'Stig of the Dump' as our whole class book.

Maths: In Maths we are beginning the term with a focus on Place Value. This will include representing, ordering, comparing and partitioning numbers. Year 3 will begin with looking at numbers to 100 before moving on to look at numbers up to 1,000. Year 4 will be looking at numbers to 10,000. We will also focus on practising our times tables.

Through the Ages

This project teaches children about British prehistory from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, including changes to people and lifestyle caused by ingenuity, invention and technological advancement.

Science: Animal Nutrient and the Skeletal System

D&T: Cook Well, Eat Well

Art: Prehistoric Pots and Contrast and Complement

Geography: Our Planet, Our World



RE: What do Christians learn from the Creation Story?

PSHE: Health and Wellbeing

French: Getting to Know You

PE: PE will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday. On Tuesdays the children will be learning to play cricket and on Wednesdays the children will be doing dance. We are asking children to come into school in their PE kits on those days.

Homework: Homework will be given out on a Friday and will need to be back in school by the following Thursday. It will focus on spelling, reading and times table practice. The spellings will link to the learning that we have covered in class. For times tables, we will begin by giving your child a times table to work on, once they are secure with this they will be able to move on to the next times table. We will test the children on their spellings on a Thursday and times tables on a Friday.

Thank you for reading this Newsletter. Please speak to or email a member of the teaching team if you have any questions or would like to talk through any concerns.

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