

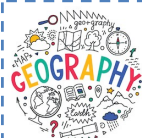
# Autumn 2024

## Beech Class Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to a new term and a new year in Beech class. I'm looking forward to teaching year 3 and 4 again and delving into the various subjects of the lower key stage 2 curriculum. We have begun choosing and changing reading books and have started to develop the classroom routines. If you have any queries please catch me or email me at [cthomas@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:cthomas@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk)

This term children will be learning about life for the Ancient Romans. They will be exploring what life was like in Britain before and after the invasion, how Romans lived, what life was like for a Roman soldier and how the empire spread. Children will be able to place this period of history in a timeline, developing chronological awareness.



Children will be learning about the United Kingdom in Geography this term. They will be able to name and locate the countries, capitals and major cities of the UK.

They will be able to locate hills and mountains using maps and atlases as well as some human features of the local area.



This term, our English learning will focus around a theme of 'Dreams and Curiosity'. Children will apply their knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes, use dictionaries to check meanings, listen to/discuss a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. In reading they will make predictions and inferences. Some of the books that we will be studying include: The Barnabus Project by The Fan Brothers, Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd-Stanton, Leon and the Place Between by Angela McAllister and Earth Shattering Events by Robin Jacobs and Sophie Williams.

**Maths** — Nearly all learning in maths this term will focus on number—this will start with work on place value and counting. We will move on to look at addition and subtraction strategies which will include mental calculation and boundary crossing. Children will also learn multiplication and division strategies and will focus on the different times tables. Children will also learn visualisation methods to support learning in maths.



PE will be on a Monday and Tuesday — please ensure children come dressed in PE kit.



Learning in science this term will begin by looking at animals, including humans. This unit will focus on diet, muscles and bones. Later, children will learn about forces and magnets—how they repel and attract, what materials are attracted and how magnets can be used.



In RE children will follow two units: 'What do Hindus believe God is like?' and 'What is the Trinity and why is it important for Christians?'



**ART & DESIGN** In art this term children will learn how about Roman mosaics and will design and make their own. In DT, children will design and sew their own Roman-inspired money pouches.

If you have any questions, please catch one of us or email [Cthomas@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:Cthomas@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk)

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