

Spring 2025

Beech Class Newsletter

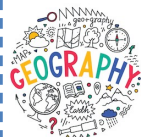
Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring term in Beech class. We look forward to an great term ahead with some exciting learning. We're pleased to welcome back Miss Nordqvist (trainee teacher) who will be with us for the majority of the term. If you have any queries about what is outline below, or anything else, please catch me or email me at cthomas@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk

This term, our learning will focus on the topic of 'The Anglo Saxons and Scots'. Children will find out where they came from and where in Britain they managed to settle. They will learn what life in a typical Anglo Saxon village was like, what jobs people did and what houses were like. They will learn some of the beliefs that were held.



In Geography this term, children will be learning about maps and how to use them. They will look at our location in relation to Europe and the rest of the world. Children will use Ordnance Survey maps and digital maps with four figure grid references. They will learn how to use a key.



This term, our English learning will focus around a theme of 'Darkness and Light' and we will be exploring brilliant books both in our writing and reading lessons. These include: The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman, The Lion and the Unicorn by Shirley Hughes, How Does a Lighthouse work by Roman Beliaev and The BFG by Roald Dahl. Children shall be investigating vocabulary and inference; writing non-fiction text and narrative pieces; learning to spelling words from the texts including various suffixes and prefixes.



Maths — This term, our maths begins with multiplication and division strategies (both formal and mental). Later, we will use this knowledge to help find perimeter and area of some 2D shapes. Following this, we will look at fractions—children will learn what the parts of the fraction mean as well as how to add, subtract and find equivalent fractions. Other learning will include mass and length.



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 light—this will include how it travels as well as shadow investigations. After half term, learning will move onto the topic of rocks. Learning will focus around the different types of rock and their properties.



In RE, children will follow two units: 'What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?' and 'What kind of world did Jesus want?'



Date for the diary: Declan Farrell (HCC SENDCo) will be exploring the SEND provision at HCC and running a Q&A for parents. **21/1/24**—see school newsletter for further details.

ART & DESIGN In art this term, children will learn about some famous European artists and their work. In DT, children will use design and making skills to make their own musical instruments.



We look forward to the exciting term ahead and working together with you to make this the best possible start to the school year! If you have any questions, please catch one of us or email Cthomas@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk
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