

Summer 2025

Beech Class Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to school for the final term of the academic year. We look forward to lots of exciting learning this term and, hopefully, the chance to get out in the sunshine! Below are some of the highlights for the term ahead. If you have any queries about what is outlined below, or anything else, please catch me or email me at cthomas@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk

This term we will be looking at the history of our locality. This includes both Offwell and Honiton. Children will be learning how these places got their names and how primary and secondary sources provide us with historical information. We will be taking a trip to Honiton museum to find out more.



In Geography this term, children will take a closer look at where the countries of the world are located. They will learn to locate and describe places using longitude and latitude, and find out about some of the important lines that delineate specific areas of the Earth - the Equator, the Hemispheres, the Poles and the Tropics.



This term, we will have two over-arching themes for English: 'From Mystery to discovery' and 'Pride and Downfall'. In writing lessons, children will explore elements of writing including: dialogue, diary entries, character descriptions and poetry. In reading lessons, children will explore poetic language and terminology, develop retrieval, summarising and comparing skills, and define new vocabulary. In spelling, children will learn to spell words with *sure/ture* and *sion* endings as well as learning prefixes and suffixes.

Maths — This term, children will learn the following topics:

Time— telling the time to the nearest minute, analogue and digital, duration.

Decimals—tenths and hundredths, decimal place value, rounding, dividing and multiplying.

Money— pounds and pence, money notation, adding and subtracting.

Position and Direction—coordinates and translation.

Statistics— pictograms, bar chart, line graphs



Learning in science this term will begin by looking at plants. They will investigate what plants need to grow, learn the function of leaves and roots, and name the parts of flowers. After half term, all of our science learning will be investigative and revise previous topics.



In RE, children will follow two units: 'How do people from religious and non-religious communities celebrate key festivals?' and 'How and why do people mark the significant events of life?'



PE will be on a Monday and Tuesday — swimming will begin on 28th April. Please come in PE kit on both days (and bring swimming kit on Mondays).



In computing, children will be 'desktop publishing'. They will be able to understand how images and text can be used to communicate messages. They will also be doing further programming.

We look forward to the exciting term ahead and working together to achieve the best for the children. If you have any questions, please catch one of us or email Cthomas@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk

Mr Thomas and Miss Marks