



Beech Class News

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Our topic for this half term is...

Healthy Me then By the Seaside

Here are the main elements of our topic:

Geography

The children will learn the vocabulary associated with the seaside area eg sea, beach, coast, cliff, river, ocean. Unfortunately, we cannot visit the beach for this topic, however we will use the internet and photos to help us understand the coastal landscape. They will learn the names of oceans and find out about the role of local harbours.

Science

The children will name, sort and recognise the properties of different materials. We will also learn about marine animals and plants.

Art

The children will develop their painting techniques by painting seascapes. The paintings of local artist Mick Oxley will provide a stimulus for this. We will use natural objects from the school field and from the beach to help create natural sculptures.

DT

We will make a beach buggy with moving parts using junk boxes, an axle and wooden wheels. The children will: design then construct their product before comparing it to their design.

History

Holidays have changed over the last century. We will ask our older relatives and look at old photographs to see how holidays from the past compare to our own holidays today.

Computing

The children will learn directions: left, right, forward, backwards and will use these directions to program Beebots. They will use School360 to access tasks to support our curriculum in school and for homework.

RE

We will look at the Jewish community by finding out about Shabbat and other Jewish traditions.

PSHE

We will learn about how to stay healthy and safe; we will think about the rules for keeping safe on the roads as well as by water. We will also think about the different relationships we have with family, friends and the community. An important part of the end of term will be thinking about changes which have happened to them and preparing the children for their change in class.

Music

“Your Imagination” and “Reflect, Rewind and Replay”: using the theme of musicals to teach rhythm, pitch and beat.



PE

We will welcome ‘Bear’ Gilroy back to teach multi-game skills on:

MONDAYS (OUTDOOR PE KITS NEED TO BE WORN. OUTDOOR TRAINERS ARE ESSENTIAL!)

Later in the term we will be practising athletics skills.

English

English involves the development of speaking and listening, reading fluency, comprehension and writing skills. Children will have many opportunities to develop their reading and comprehension skills both in the classroom and during weekly guided reading sessions. They will also be able to apply their skills across other areas of the curriculum during their topic work. Over the course of the year, children will experience a range of narrative, non-fiction and poetry texts.

This half term, we intend to use non-fiction and fiction related to the beach.

You can find specific objectives for the half-term on your class page of the school website.

Mathematics:

In KS1, our aim is to ensure that pupils develop confidence and mental fluency with number, counting and place value. Our learning begins in a very practical way before moving to more formal methods. The children’s ability to ‘reason’ will be developed throughout all of their mathematical work as they are encouraged to explain how they have reached solutions to problems, especially related to measurement for example: length, height, mass, time.

This half term, we will be focusing on: recapping numeracy skills (Place Value, addition, subtraction) then we will focus on measuring length, mass and time.

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Homework

Please check out Beech Class page on the school website and Google Classroom for weekly homework tasks. Please continue to:

- Read via the Bug Club website.
- Practise spellings for a weekly test on Tuesdays.
- Practise mathematical skills on the Numbots website.
- Practise literacy and mathematical skills on School 360 – Busy Things.

