



# Beech Class News

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## Our topic for this half term is... *Frozen*

Here are the main elements of our topic:

### Geography

Key Stage 1 children are travelling to the ends of the Earth to find out about the weather and the physical features of the North and South Poles. We will learn about the four compass points, continents of the world and we will compare the extremes of temperature between the equator and Poles.

### History

We will find out about famous explorers who travelled to the North and South Poles for example, Scott, Shackleton and Amundsen.

### Science

The children will find out about animals found in the Polar regions. We will also be investigating materials: their names and properties in particular the suitability of various materials for the extreme cold.

### Art

The children will investigate cold colours and if the weather permits, we will make ice and snow sculptures. We will use stimulus of the Northern Lights to create our own pictures.

### DT

We will plan and make skidoos out of junk modelling.

### Computing

The internet will be our source to find out information about the Arctic and Antarctic; this will provide opportunities to learn about E-safety. We will also use compass directions to program Roamer.

### RE

The children will explore the concept of God at a simple level by listening to The Creation and other Bible Stories. They will understand the responsibility we have as humans in looking after living things and the environment around us.

### PHSE

Children will learn who we contact when we need help, either at school or in the wider world.



### Music

The children will learn about rhythm and some music theory: the stave and different musical notes

through the “Charanga Music Scheme”

### PE

Games - Football with Paul Yeadon on **MONDAYS** and Dance with me on **TUESDAYS**.

**INDOOR** and **OUTDOOR PE** kits will be needed for both sessions.

### English

The children will:

- Read fantasy stories and use them as a stimulus for their own Arctic-themed stories.
- Learn about the structure of non-fiction books and use these texts to retrieve information about the topic.
- Learn the terms: nouns and adjectives and use adjectives to enhance their own writing.
- Become accurate with full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks and question marks.
- Use subordination and co-ordination (joining words) to write more complex sentences.
- Learn to recognise the present and past tense.

### Mathematics:

The children will:

- Learn the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
- Understand multiplication as repeated addition.
- Understand how to do division, at first by sharing then by using times tables.
- Recognise odd and even numbers up to 100.
- Order and compare numbers by using
- Learn to recognise, name and write the fractions for:  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

**PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE A CLASS ASSEMBLY ON  
THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT 2.30pm.**

### How to help your child at home:

- Listen to your child read , especially their school reading book, as often as possible. The children need to be able to talk about what they’ve read in their group reading sessions on **MONDAYS**.
- Have homework tasks completed and learn spellings for **TUESDAYS**.
- Join in with times table songs on Youtube for 2, 5, 10 times tables.

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