

Curriculum Information



Beech Class - Autumn Term 2020

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First of all, it's wonderful to have all the children back to school and see them settling in so quickly, especially after such a long time away from the normal routine. For the first couple of weeks, we are following a whole school theme 'And How Are You?'. This involves activities based around the theme of health, well-being and mindfulness. It involves opportunities for practical activities, discussion-based work and outdoor learning to help the children settle in. Following this, we will progress to our very exciting topic *Superheroes* whilst also catching up on some of the learning that was missed during our school closure.

Superheroes!

History - We will begin by looking at our present day heroes. From here, we will introduce Grace Darling to the children as a hero from the past as well as other real life 'Wonder Women'. Together, we will find out what made Grace Darling such a special person and why her legacy lives on.

Science Children will become familiar with different plants from the locality. They will compare and contrast seeds and bulbs and investigate the requirements for germination. They will also investigate the requirements of plants to grow and stay healthy. We will also look at our surroundings as the seasons start to change.

Design Technology – Children will use a variety of materials to design and create their own super hero accessories. They will wear / play with their Superhero gear and use it as an inspiration for art work and creative writing.

Computing - Children will receive individual passwords which they will use throughout the rest of their time at Swansfield Park. They will learn how to log on and sign off correctly and we will constantly look for opportunities to reinforce e-safety through discussions about password security and superhero secret identities. Once able to log on correctly, we will use programs to support our classroom learning. We will also use an iMovie app on the iPads to record mini Superhero films with the accessories they have made.

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 explore stories and non-fiction and use vocabulary related to Superheroes and Grace Darling.

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. Children will then move on to explore addition and subtraction. 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. This half term, we will be focusing on 2-D and 3-D shape, counting, place value, addition and subtraction.

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

Other subjects:

P.E.

Rugby with 'Bear' Gilroy on **MONDAYS**. Please wear PE kits to school on this day.

P.S.H.E.

Being Me in My World – looking at ourselves in the school community.

Music

Hey You! - learning about rhythm and beat through the Charanga online music scheme and listening to 'Old-School Hip Hop' tunes.

R.E.

Stories about The Creation from the Bible and other texts.

Homework & Spellings:

Spellings - Homework and spellings will be uploaded onto the class page of our school website on Wednesdays. Spellings will be tested each **Tuesday**. The children will also get a maths skill to learn for eg. number bonds to 10 or counting in 2s.

Reading: Please ensure your child reads as much as possible. We intend to adopt an online reading scheme which we will inform you about shortly.

Other ways of helping your child:

- Reassuring them if they have any worries about returning to school.
- Practising reading as often as possible.
- Using the internet to research our topic.
- Discussing what has been taught at school.

Please limit equipment / objects coming from home.

Please do **NOT** send in:

- Junk modelling resources.
- PE kits.
- Pencil cases.

Please **DO** send in:

- Named water bottles.
- Named wellies.
- A change of named clothes to stay at school.

Thank you for your continued support especially during these tricky times.

Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have any concerns.
Take care and stay safe.

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