

Beech Summer 1 Term Newsletter

Welcome to the Summer term, this term we have lots of exciting topics we are covering.



Topic: Ancient Britain

This term we will be focusing around our topic 'Ancient Britain'. The learning will be cross-curricular and creative.

English: Linked to our topic work around ancient history, we will start the term by developing our understanding of instruction texts. We will write a range of different instruction texts including guidelines for making a Stone Age cave painting. The grammar work linked to this topic will cover imperative verbs as well as the use of conjunctions and adverbs to show time. Next, we will plan and write newspaper articles recounting the discovery of Stone Age cave paintings at Lescaux. This topic will encompass revising noun phrases, the use of inverted commas in reported speech and writing in paragraphs. We will also be practising our dictionary skills. Finally, we will be sharing the text 'How to skin a bear'. Using this text, we will work on developing the reading skill of inference and the use of simile and metaphor in our writing.

Maths: We will start the term practising interpreting and presenting data in tables, bar charts and pictograms. After that, we will turn our attention to developing an understanding of fractions. We will learn to recognise, find and write fractions of a set of objects and compare and order fractions. We will also learn how to recognise equivalent fractions. Next, we will revise measuring length and extend our understanding to calculating perimeters. Finally, we will return to geometry where we will be learning to recognise properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes including perpendicular and parallel lines.

Topic: In geography we will be locating the UK on a map, globe and atlas and looking into the counties and cities within the UK. We will be investigating the rivers and seas, hills and mountains in the UK. We will be exploring how the UK has changed over time and how cities such as London have expanded. In history we will be looking

Upcoming Events

- **PE this term is on Wednesday.**

19th April= Term Begins

28th May= Term Ends

Homework:

- ❖ Spellings will be set and tested on Fridays.
- ❖ Please try to read with your child daily.
- ❖ English, Maths and times tables homework will be set on Fridays and should be handed in by the following Wednesday each week.
- ❖ Times tables (when set) will be tested on Thursdays.

into pre-historic Britain. We will look back on the timeline and see where the stone, bronze and iron age sit in history. We will explore the history of the stone and bronze age. Including the people, the clothing, the food, the paintings, tools and the importance of fire. We are looking forward to spending some time in our Forest School so we can fully immerse ourselves into the topic.

Science: In science we will be focusing on plants and what are their needs and requirements, looking at different parts of the plant and what they do, investigate how water is transported through plants, and the life cycle of a flower. To achieve this we will be carrying out experiments such as, food colouring and celery sticks, keeping the same plant but in different conditions and dissecting roses. We are looking forward to growing seedlings in class and then planting them in our very own planters outside.

PE: This term in PE we will be doing rugby with the Windsor Schools Partnership. We do hope we can go swimming this year and the office are trying hard to get in contact with Windsor Leisure Centre.

RE: This term we will be focusing on Sikhism. We will be thinking about what it feels like to share, the importance of sharing and how sharing a common interests can give you a sense of belonging. We will look into the religious experiences and practices that enables Sikhs to follow the teachings of the Guru's. Then to explore why sharing is an important element of the Sikh faith.

Art: Our art and D/T will be focussing on British artist William Morris. We will explore the effect of the Arts and Crafts movement. Inspired by William Morris we will observe and sketch natural objects. We will start off by designing a printing block inspired by William Morris and finish off by creating and using a printing block to create a print inspired by William Morris.

ICT: We will start off by investigating how do games and apps on your computer, tablet or phone work. Then we will move onto decomposition and how it helps with coding and exploring algorithms, sequencing, debugging and visual coding. Overall, the children we will be improving their ability on game coding.

PSHE: This term we will be using our new whole school 'Jigsaw' scheme. Our theme for this term is 'Relationships'.

Music: This term we will be using the class pack of glockenspiels and making our way through the charanga curriculum with the aim of the children becoming more confident on using a glockenspiel.

French: This term we will be focussing on 'Our School'. We will be learning the French words for objects in our classroom, school subjects, places around school and stationery.