

## Beech Autumn 1 Term Newsletter



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



## Topic: All About Me

This term we will be following a cross-curricular curriculum and our topic is 'All About Me'. The learning will be cross-curricular and creative.

**English:** We will start the year by talking about 'stories we enjoy'. We will share some twisted fairy tales by Lauren Child and write our own stories inspired by those we have shared. As we plan our writing, we will revise the rules of basic sentence punctuation and use of contracted words. We will also learn how to use and punctuate direct speech to add interest to our writing. Next, we will discuss our opinions of different books and write book reviews. Later in the term, we will be sharing and writing about Roald Dahl's 'The Magic Finger'.

**Maths:** We will be focusing on reading and writing numbers to 1000 and recognize place value of each digit into hundreds, tens and ones. We will be learning mental addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers using different strategies. Children will learn to identify 3D shapes with particular attributes. This term Emphasis will be on 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They will learn to understand the concept of multiplication, division and fractions and apply this knowledge to word problems.

**Geography:** In geography we will be exploring Datchet. The children will become mini surveyors for our local area. Using Google map, we will be locating our school, businesses and the children's houses. The children will use Google Maps and their own local knowledge to map out road directions between residential houses and businesses. We will be looking into the human and physical features of Datchet. Next we will be investigating the local services in Datchet, and discuss if they are useful and where are these services located.

**History:** In history the children will be exploring their own history. What significant events have taken place since their birth date?

**Science:** In science we will be focusing on sound. We will be discovering how sound is made and what is vibration? Investigating how sounds travel through different materials. We will explore relationships between distance and volume.

## Upcoming Events

- **PE this term is on Thursday. Children will come to school in their PE kit this day.**

### Homework:

- ❖ Spellings will be set on Fridays (starting 18<sup>th</sup> September) and tested on the following Thursday.
- ❖ Please try to read with your child daily.
- ❖ English, Maths and times tables homework will be set on Fridays (starting 25<sup>th</sup> September) and should be handed in by the following Wednesday each week.
- ❖ Times tables (when set) will be tested on Wednesdays.

Investigate what materials are best for sound proofing. Lastly, through musical instruments we will investigate pitch and volume and length and tightness of strings.

**PSHE:** We will be using the Jigsaw PSHE scheme. We are working on piece 1- Being Me in the World.

**PE:** This term in PE we will be carrying out circuit training.

**RE:** This term we will be learning about Sikhism.

**Computing:** In computing we will be focusing on online internet safety. As well as creating charts using Microsoft excel.

**Art:** In art we will be learning how to make self-portraits using guidance lines.

**DT:** In DT we will be designing and creating photo frames.