

Beech Autumn 1 Term Newsletter



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



Topic: Planet Earth

This term we will be following a creative curriculum approach and our topic is 'Planet Earth'. The learning will be cross-curricular and creative.

English: This term all our literacy work will be based on Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. We will be describing settings and character profiles, writing letters to Willy Wonka and also designing our own chocolates. We will perform drama and record interviews. We will aim to write our own stories keeping in mind our English writing targets. We will introduce new characters in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

In grammar we will look at adverbs, imperative verbs, apostrophes, direct speech, speech marks, connectives and powerful adjectives.

Maths: We will be focusing on reading and writing numbers to 1000 and recognise 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 3 D 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 discovering rainforests in particular focusing where cocoa grows. We will be looking at: what countries grow cocoa? Where are these countries? What is the weather and climate like? We will look at the journey a cocoa bean takes to turn into a product and what the life is like for a cocoa farmer. The children will be doing activities such as using 'digimaps' to locate the countries, informative posters on cocoa, presentation/drama to reenact the journey of a cocoa bean, debates and creating a detailed drawing of the layers in a rainforest.

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

Upcoming Events

- **PE this term is on Wednesday and Thursday.**
- Thursday 5th Sept-Term Starts.
- Thursday 24th October-Term Ends.

Homework:

- ❖ Spellings are set on Thursday and tested on the following Thursday.
- ❖ Times tables will be tested on Thursdays. This term we will focus on 2's, 5's and 10's.
- ❖ Daily reading please record in your child's reading record.
- ❖ English homework is set on Thursday.
- ❖ Maths homework is set on Thursday.

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.

PE: This term in PE we will be doing football and dance. The dance is linked to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and the children will create their own routines using the music from the film.

RE: This term we will be learning about Islam. We will be learning about the commitment of Muslims praying 5 times a day.

Art: In art we will be linking in with Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by drawing a new Wonka product. We will be sketching detailed drawings of the inside of a flower. We will also sketch out a landscape and add colour by using water colours.