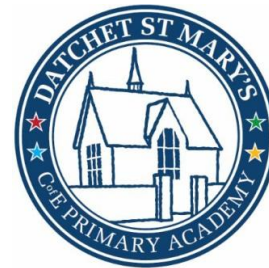


Beech Spring 1 Term Newsletter

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



Topic: Our Greatest Show

This term we will be focusing around our topic 'Our Greatest Show'. The learning will be cross-curricular and creative. We will be spending some time rehearsing for the KS2 pantomime.

English: In English we will be using a short film to understand how a film's soundtrack and visual images are used to suggest ideas. We will use the film as a source for writing setting and character descriptions. The children will also write their own stories using ideas from the film. There will be an emphasis on ensuring that sentences are consistently demarcated with capital letters and full stops and that compound and complex sentences are being used. We will also be working to broaden pupils' vocabulary so that they are able to use well-chosen words to add interest to their writing.

Later in the term, we will be looking at writing diaries and different examples of persuasive writing. We will investigate the features of advertisements and persuasive language. The children will write an advertisement and a persuasive letter.

Maths: We will start the term by revisiting place value and specifically, comparing, ordering and understanding the value of different digits in 3-digit numbers. We will apply this knowledge to record amounts of money. We will also practise adding different coins and amounts of money and calculate change. Then, we will move on to drawing, sorting, describing and naming 2D shapes using mathematical vocabulary. We will identify right angles and lines of symmetry in shapes as well as completing symmetrical drawings. Next, we will practise our times table facts and use the division facts to calculate fractions of amounts. Finally, we will estimate and measure lengths in millimetres, centimetres and metres. We will add and subtract measurements and convert between different units of measurement.

Upcoming Events

- **PE this term is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.**
- Mon 6th Jan-Inset Day
- Tues 7th Jan-Term Begins
- Wed 29th Jan- KS2 Panto 2pm and 6pm
- Thurs 30th Jan- KS2 Performance 2pm.
- Fri 14th Feb-Term Ends

Homework:

- ❖ Spellings are set on Thursday and tested on the following Thursday.
- ❖ Times tables will be tested on Fridays.
- ❖ Daily reading please record in your child's reading record.
- ❖ English homework is set on Thursday.
- ❖ Maths homework is set on Thursday.

Topic: 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. Once the children have done enough research on Datchet we will conduct a mini project "Shall we build a theatre in Datchet?" This will include where could a theatre go? Where is the best location for a theatre? Does Datchet need a theatre?

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

PE: This term in PE both our PE sessions will be inside and led by sports partnership. We will have yoga on Tuesdays and gymnastics on Wednesday.

RE: This term we will be focusing on Christian miracles. We will be paying particular interest bible stories such as 'the paralysed man', 'feeding the 5000' and the 'blind man'.

Art/DT: Our art and D/T will be linked to our main topic of 'Our Greatest Show'. The children will be designing and creating flyers to advertise the KS2 pantomime, creating props and creating set designs.

ICT: Last term we were online detectives and the children researched as much as they could about Ancient Egypt. This term the children will practice their keyboard skills and type it up on Microsoft Word.

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