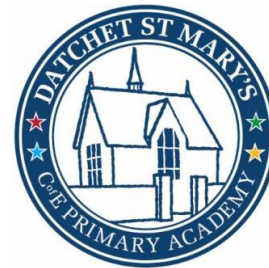


Beech Spring 2 Term Newsletter

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



Topic: Brilliant Britain

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

English: We will start the term by sharing some adventure stories with British settings. We will be investigating how an author can use dialogue and actions to suggest ideas about characters and events in their work. We will also look at how suspense can be created through the use of devices such as ellipses and vocabulary choices. We will try to apply these ideas when writing our own adventure stories. Later in the term, we will be sharing a text which fits with the children's history work on the Stone Age (How to skin a bear). We will practise identifying key information from the text and recording notes about Stone Age life. We will build on this information to write our own diary accounts as someone living in the Stone Age. The children will then practise delivering their diary accounts to an audience.

Maths: We start the term by practising our times table facts and using the division facts to calculate fractions of amounts. We will learn to order fractions using the numerator and denominator and we will apply these skills to money and measures. Then, we will move on to estimating and measuring lengths in millimetres, centimetres and metres. We will add and subtract measurements and convert between different units of measurement. Next, we will be introducing formal written methods of addition and subtraction (column addition and subtraction). We will learn to check our calculations by estimating and using inverse operations. We will be using these methods to solve every day problems, including those involving money. Finally, we will be using different types of tables and charts (e.g. pictograms, bar charts) to record and retrieve data.

Upcoming Events

- **PE this term is on Wednesday and swimming is on Thursdays.**

24th March- Term Begins

25th March-Pancake Toss

5th March-World Book Day

20th March-Wonderful Women

27th March-Year 3 Class Assembly

2nd April-Year 3 Easter Church Service.

3rd April- Easter Bonnet Parade.

3rd April-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 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 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/bronze and iron age. Including the people, the clothing, the food, the paintings, tools and the importance of fire.

Science: In science we will be focusing on animals including humans-skeletons, muscles and movement. Identify that humans get the nutrition they need from what they eat. We will identify that a balanced diet is needed in order to stay healthy. Then move onto Investigating which foods different animals eat. We will carry out an investigation to find out what pets eat. After we will explore human and animal skeletons and find out about how the skeleton supports and protects the body and how invertebrates are supported. Lastly, we will find out what muscles are and how skeletal muscles help us move.

PE: This term in PE we will be doing tennis outside and swimming on Thursdays at Windsor Leisure Centre.

RE: This term we will be focusing on Christianity, We will be exploring Easter and forgiveness.

Art/DT: 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. We will also be creating a Mother's Day inspired cross stitch pattern.

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 'Healthy Me'.