

Beech Class News



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Happy New Year and thank you for the kind words, presents and cards.
The children have come back well rested and ready to learn.

Our topic for this half term is... **Frozen**

Here are the main elements of our topic:

Geography

Key Stage 1 children are travelling to the ends of the Earth to find out about the weather and the physical features of the North and South Poles. We will learn about the four compass points, continents of the world and we will compare the extremes of temperature between the equator and Poles.

History

We will find out about famous explorers who travelled to the North and South Poles for example, Scott, Shackleton and Amundsen.

Science

The children will find out about animals found in the Polar regions. We will also be investigating materials: their names and properties in particular the suitability of various materials for the extreme cold.

Art

The children will investigate cold colours and if the weather permits, we will make ice and snow sculptures. We will use stimulus of the Northern Lights to create our own pictures.

DT

We will plan and make skidoos out of junk modelling.

Computing

The internet will be our source to find out information about the Arctic and Antarctic; this will provide opportunities to learn about E-safety. We will also use compass directions to program Roamer.

RE

The children will explore the concept of Jesus as a friend. We will discuss our own friendships and listen to stories from the Bible.

PHSE

Children will learn about hazards in the home, especially medicines. We will consider the specific hazards when in snowy conditions.

Music

The children will learn about rhythm and apprising music with a rock theme through the "Charanga Music Scheme"

PE

Games - Dance with me on **MONDAYS** and with Miss Georgia on **THURSDAYS**.

INDOOR PE kits will be needed for both sessions.

English

English involves the development of speaking and listening, reading fluency, comprehension and writing skills. Children will have many opportunities to develop their reading and comprehension skills both in the classroom and during weekly guided reading sessions on **TUESDAYS**. They will also be able to apply their skills across other areas of the curriculum during their topic work. Over the course of the year, children will experience a range of narrative, non-fiction and poetry texts.

This half term, we intend to use fantasy stories, related to polar landscapes. Children are welcome to bring in books related to the topic.

- *You can find specific objectives for the half-term on your class page of the school website.*

Mathematics:

In KS1, our aim is to ensure that pupils develop confidence and mental fluency with number, counting and place value. Our learning begins in a very practical way before moving to more formal methods. The children's ability to 'reason' will be developed throughout all of their mathematical work as they are encouraged to explain how they have reached solutions to problems, especially related to money.

This half term, we will be focusing on counting, place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication, money, 3-D shape.

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How to help your child at home:

- Listen to your child read , especially their school reading book, as often as possible. The children need to be able to talk about what they've read in their group reading sessions on **TUESDAYS**.
- Play shops and let your child use money in shops so they recognise the different British coins and get used to counting coins out and working out simple change.
- Have homework tasks completed and learn spellings for **TUESDAYS**.
- Join in with times table songs on Youtube for 2, 5, 10 times tables.

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