

Beech Class News



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Our topic for this half term is... *Down on the Farm*

Here are the main elements of our topic:

Geography

The children will visit a farm where they will be able to investigate the features of the farm including the buildings, crops and layout. They will draw maps and diagrams of farms.

Science

Our farm visit will provide an opportunity to investigate different animal types, including their life cycle, diet and habitats. We will also look at creatures found in the school pond and on the field and we will investigate how we know things are alive, no longer alive or have never been alive.

Art

The children will look at and appraise the animal paintings of Debra Sisson by talking about the colour she uses and the lines and shapes she creates. We will also look at the representations of Spring by Jackson Pollock and Vincent Van Gogh by referring to the colours, shape and lines used.

DT

We will make a moving picture of a farm scene.

Computing

We will use the internet to help us research our topic. Then we will create a presentation using technology.

RE

We will learn about the festival of Easter; the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion as well as Easter traditions.

PHSE

We will consider the economic aspects of farms. We will find out what happens to the crops and animals from farms and role play farm shops.

Music

"Zootime" on Charanga. Investigating rhythm and pitch.

PE

Gymnastics – **MONDAYS** Dance with Miss Georgia **THURSDAYS (INDOOR PE KITS)**



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 non-fiction and fiction related to animals. Children are welcome to bring in books related to the topic.

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: multiplication, division, fractions, data-handling.

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

How to help your child at home

You can help your child by:

- Ensuring they practise reading for group reading on **TUESDAYS**.
- Ensuring they practise spellings and times tables for a test on **TUESDAYS**.
- Using the internet and books to find out about farming.
- Help them learn their 2, 5, 10 times tables.
- Play the games on School 360.

Be a Farmer for the Day!

We will be having an activity day where the children can dress up as farmers and take part in farm based activities.

This date has not been confirmed yet – watch this space!

**We will be grateful for donations of
Small cardboard boxes, newspaper, any old games.**

