

Beech Class News



Summer Term 2019



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Our topic for this term is...

By the Seaside

Here are the main elements of our topic:

Geography

The children will learn the vocabulary associated with the seaside area e.g. sea, beach, coast, cliff, river, ocean. They will visit the beach and make observational drawings of the landscape as well as look at aerial photographs of coastal areas. They will learn the names of oceans and find out about the role of local harbours.

Science

Our beach visit will provide an opportunity to compare animal habitats and draw food chains. We will investigate the effects of water and sand on different materials and relate this to the problems of litter in the environment. We will take advantage of the new growing season by planting seeds and monitoring their progress as they grow.

Art

The children will develop their painting techniques by painting floral pictures to enter in the annual Alnwick in Bloom contest as well as painting seascapes. The paintings of local artist Mick Oxley will provide a stimulus for this. We will use the abundance of natural objects on the beach to help create natural sculptures.

DT

We will make a sea creature. The children will design, sew and embellish their product before comparing it to their design.

History

Holidays have changed over the last century. We will ask our older relatives and look at old photographs to see how holidays from the past compare to our own holidays today.

Computing

The children will use programs such as "Word", "2Simple" and "Powerpoint" to edit text and download pictures. We will also program 'Code-a-Pillar' to follow directions through a sea themed route. They will use School360 to access tasks to support our curriculum in school and for homework.

RE

We will look at the Jewish community by finding out about Shabbat and sharing a Shabbat meal.

PSHE

We will learn about how to stay healthy and safe; we will think about the rules for keeping safe on the roads as well as by water. We will also think about the environmental issues of litter, especially at the beach. An important part of the end of term will be preparing the children for their change in class.

Music

“Your Imagination”: Using the theme of musicals to help teach rhythm, pitch and beat.

PE

Tennis with Grant on **MONDAYS**

OUTDOOR & INDOOR PE KITS NEEDED. OUTDOOR TRAINERS ARE ESSENTIAL!

Our other PE session will not be on a fixed day and will be weather dependent. We will be doing outdoor sessions to support the curriculum and later in the term we will be practising athletics skills in preparation for Sports Day.

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 the beach. Children are welcome to bring in books related to the topic.

You can find specific objectives for the half-term on our 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 measurement for example: length, height, mass, time.

This half term, we will be focusing on: recapping all four number operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) then we will focus on measuring length, mass and time.

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Student Teacher:

We are joined again by Miss Rachael Latto until 19th June. Rachel joins us again as part of the last part of her BA teacher training. Please feel free to pop in and say “hello” to her.