

Beech Class Curriculum Newsletter - Term 4

Theme - Habitats

What great fun the children had learning about The Great Fire of London! We really enjoyed looking at their homework pieces and appreciate the effort and enthusiasm that went into these.

We hope you find the following information useful to inform you of what your child is learning this term and to support their learning at home.

If you have any need to talk to us please either put a note in your child's reading record (we check these every day) or speak to us at the gate at the end of the school day.

A quick reminder:

Mrs Jones teaches on Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Hills teaches on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

PE is now on a Wednesday afternoon, please ensure the correct PE kit is in school for these days and that hair is tied back and earrings are removed.

Homework Reminder:

Children are expected to read for 20 mins EVERY day

Day	Homework	Day due
Monday	Spellings Enrichment activity sheet (week 1 only)	Friday test 1 st April
Tuesday	Maths/Literacy	Monday

Reading books are changed daily (if in school).

Please annotate the reading diary if your child's book needs changing so we can ensure this happens when needed.

Please return all books/homework on time.

P.E.

Wednesday - Dance

Tuesday - Year 1 Swimming

Music - Year 2 will be learning the recorder with Mrs Jones on a Tuesday.

French - We will be learning simple greetings and about France.

R.E.

We will be learning about the key facts of Christianity and why we celebrate Easter.

ICT

The children will be completing work on researching about animals and habitats. They will also use 2Simple to create a scene.

Art/DT

Linked with our Habitat Topic, children will be designing and making models of 3d animals, completing a group diorama and using various forms of media to complete a habitat scene.

Literacy

***Phonics** (year 1) and **Spellings** (year2) - are taught daily.

***Handwriting** - correct letter formation is taught using a cursive style.

***Reading** - children will read every day in either individual or group reading tasks. They will also be completing and working through comprehension tasks related to our topic.

***Speaking** - Children will be encouraged to present and speak confidently in front of their peers.

***Grammar** - There will be a different focus each week to cover the grammar requirements.

***Writing** - This will be linked to our topic where appropriate. Children will be taught to write for a variety of different purposes; including - poetry, describing settings, making fact sheets/information booklets, writing a story. There will now be a focus on supporting Year 2 to edit and improve their work.

Mathematics

We will continue to embed the skills we developed in Term 3 including counting and place value as these are the foundations of a successful mathematical journey.

This term we will:

- Look at addition and subtraction,
- Statistics, including pictograms and collecting data.
- Continue to look at measurements for capacity and time.
- We will be looking at, how to solve 1 and 2 step word problems.

How can I help my child? Continue supporting your child this term by:

- Working on quick recall of their number bonds to 10 (year 1) extending to number bonds to 20 (year 2).
- Count with them up to 100 forwards and backwards, count in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Practise telling the time to the hour, half past, quarter past and quarter to (year 1), to the nearest 5 minutes (year 2).
- Year 2 to continue using TT Rockstars at home.

Geography

The children will be developing their skills of using an atlas to locate and label the 7 continents. They will also be adding the main habitats located within those continents.