

Beech Class Curriculum Newsletter - Term 5

Theme - Christianity

What great fun the children had learning about Habitats! We really enjoyed looking at their homework pieces and appreciate the effort and enthusiasm that went into these. It was so nice to have so many of you in to celebrate the children's hard work. 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 Monday 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 20 th May
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.

Monday - team sports

Tuesday - Year 2 Swimming

Music - Year 1 will be learning the recorder with Mrs Jones on a Tuesday.

French - We will be recapping on numbers and colours.

R.E.

This will be our main topic this term, please refer to the Experience planning sheet.

ICT

The children will be completing work on researching about different religious buildings. They will also be giving directions to navigate around a map.

Art/DT

The children will sketch a picture of the local church. They will make a stained glass window. They will work in groups to design and make a model of a church.

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, instructional writing, 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 4 including counting and place value as these are the foundations of a successful mathematical journey.

This term we will:

- Look at the names and properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes.
- There will be a big emphasis on problem solving which will focus on the 4 operations.
- 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.
 - Look for shapes at home, can they name them?
 - 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.

History

The children will be learning about the history of the local church and Canterbury Cathedral. Hopefully, this will include a trip to the Cathedral.