



Beech Class Curriculum Update

Spring 2020

Mathematics

This half term we will be using and applying everything we have learnt about addition and subtraction. Children will apply what they've learnt to solve mathematical word problems including missing number sums, counting on/back from different numbers and using knowledge of number facts. We will also be measuring length using rulers and using the language associated with measuring such as longest, shortest, longer than and shorter than. We will be learning to count in 2's, 5's and 10's which will also link into telling the time. Please help your child to begin to recall number bonds to 10 and counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

Topic

Our topic this term is Magnificent Things. This is a History based topic focusing on significant events and people. We will first be looking at inventions in the home that have changed our lives and comparing old and new artefacts. We will be thinking about how and why they have helped improve our lives. We will find out about the famous inventor Alexander Bell and thinking about how phones of the future might look and work. If you have any interesting old items at home please send them in.

Art—Our art will be linked to our history topic of Magnificent Things and we will look at the work of Monet and Metzinger and during the second half of term we will be looking at the work and finding out about Thomas Gainsborough.

Music This half term's music is all themed on Jack and the beanstalk

Computing

This term we will be learning about coding using Espresso Coding. On Espresso Coding children can create their own games and animations. This will be taught by Miss Anderson

English

This half term we will be exploring traditional tales, with a focus on Jack & the Beanstalk and The 3 Little Pigs. Children will compare different versions and begin to use more interesting words and phrases in their own writing and retelling of stories as well as traditional story language. We will also be looking at traditional tales from another country and a poem about traditional stories.

Phonics

In phonics we will be revisiting phase 5 sounds and continuing to revisit phase 3 sounds. Children will continue to practise their sounds daily and will apply their knowledge to reading and spelling activities. This can be supported at home by practising the sounds and continuing reading regularly looking for the sounds that have been taught.

Spellings We are focusing on spellings this term and are working on improving the spelling of our tricky troll words. The children practise these daily in school & I will be sending some spelling activities home during the term

Dates to Remember...

- 11th & 13th February—parents evening
- Thursday 13th February Beech Class Assembly.
- Half Term 17th–21st February
- 19th March 2.30pm—You will be invited to Beech & Cedars Museum in the school hall

Science

Science will be closely linked to our topic and English lessons as we investigate plants and growing and then move on to materials linked to our three little pigs story and the different materials that the objects from our homes are made from. We will also be thinking about our 5 senses as we explore and investigate different objects and materials.

P.E.

Our P.E. days are Mondays and Wednesdays. PLEASE make sure your child has a PE kit in School This term we will be learning about invasion games and catching skills.