

Beech Class Newsletter

April 2017

Welcome back Beech Class!

We hope you have had a lovely holiday.

We have had some changes in Beech Class, Mrs Paterson and Miss O'Brien will be joining us, Mrs Paterson working with the children in the morning and Miss O'Brien in the afternoons.

By the end of Year 1 the national expectation of spellings is to accurately spell the days of the week and to spell most of the common exception words. We have been working on the spellings we send home each half term in school, if your child has been practising them at home as well they should be well on their way to achieving these expectations. Any practise you do at home will make a significant difference.

Our school topic for this half term is: Dinosaurs

Our enquiry question is: If you could be a dinosaur, which one would you be?

English

During this half term, the children will explore poetry, stories and information books around the theme of dinosaurs.

The reception children will be learning about using their phonic knowledge to write sentences. The year 1 children will be continuing to develop their spelling, punctuation and grammar skills.

Maths

The magical mathematicians of Beech will be developing their understanding of place value of numbers to 100, including counting in 2s, 5s and 10s..

We will be learning about money, the value of the coins and practising using them.

The children will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of calculations.

Topic

We will be starting the half term with Science Week. The children will be exploring growth, materials and planting seeds.

Then the dinosaurs will be arriving!

We will be finding out about the habitats of dinosaurs, the food chain and we will be learning what happened to them. We shall look forward to seeing their skeletons when we visit London!

PE

In PE this half term we will be continuing with our Gymnastics – balancing and travelling as well as jumping and rolling.

Please make sure PE kits are in school every Wednesday as this is when we have our PE sessions.

PSHE and RE

As part of PSHE the children will be learning about the impact of a healthy diet and exercise has on our bodies. The children will continue to learn about positive and negative behaviours in relationships. RE this half term we shall continue learning about Judaism, then we shall find out about Buddhism and comparing beliefs and worship to Christianity.

How to Support at Home

Please continue to read with your child at home.

Don't forget to log onto Maths Seeds. This is part of the homework and is a fun way for children to practise their maths skills

Reminders

Library is on Monday.

Forest School is every Thursday afternoon please bring wellies and waterproof coats.

London Trip
Friday 26th May

Class Dates

Thursday 4th May
Sharing afternoon

**Monday 8th May
Maths Café**

Friday 12th May
Beech Class Assembly

**Monday 15th May
Reading Cafe**