

Beech Class Newsletter

January 2018

Welcome Back!

Happy New Year. We hope you had a lovely time over the holidays. Over the last half term we explored Celebrations and what a great time we had! Making Menorahs, the wonderful visit from Jaya dance and the fantastic nativity and Christmas play at the end of term. We have another exciting half term ahead of us. We are looking forward to exploring our topic Green Machines this half term. During the Christmas holidays a beanstalk grew in our classroom. We will be learning all about where it came from and what it needed to grow. We are also looking forward to the visit from The Flying Shop of Imagination.

Our school topic for this half term is: Green Machines

Our enquiry question is: What powers do plants have?

English

A beanstalk has grown in our class over the holidays. Where has it come from? What is at the top? We will be learning about Jack and the Beanstalk and writing our own versions of the story with a focus on sentence openers. We will also be learning about explanations and exploring tree and plant poems.

English in Sycamore Class

In English we will be reading lots of versions of Jack and the Beanstalk with the view to writing our own versions with alterations. We will also be looking at explanations texts and creating diagrams showing the life cycles of plants.

Maths

In maths we will continue to develop our counting and number recognition skills. We will also develop more strategies to solve addition and subtractions problems, including using number lines. As always we will encourage the children to talk about their learning and explain how they have solved problems.

Maths in Sycamore Class

In Maths we will be extending our knowledge of place value, addition and calculation to numbers beyond 20. We will also be exploring time and beginning to consider fractions of number and shape.

Learning Across the Curriculum

We grow them, eat them, build with them, wear them.... Plants are very important and powerful. But what powers do these 'Green Machines' have? How might we find out? We will be researching, investigating and growing our own plants to find out! There are lots of wonderful artists who are inspired by nature and plants. We will be exploring the works of Monet and Van Gogh to create our own art work.

Reminders

We will have a library visit every Friday.

Your child can choose/change a library book.

Please ensure children have wellington boots and waterproof coats for use in our outdoor area.

How to Support at Home

Please continue to read every day with your child at home.

Don't forget to have a go on Mathseeds and Reading Eggs.

Please continue to share experiences from home on Tapestry.

Class Dates

Class Assembly- Wednesday 21st March 2.30pm

Maths Café – Tuesday 16th January 9.00 – 10.00

Reading Café – Tuesday 23rd January 9.00 – 10.00

Sharing Afternoon – Thursday 1st February 2.45