

# Beech Class Newsletter

November 2018

We hope you had a relaxing half term. Thank you for sharing some of the lovely things you did on Tapestry. Over this half term Reception will begin joining in with the rest of the school to carry out daily mile and break time each day in preparation for lining up outside in the mornings before school in January.

Our eight week project this term focusses on reading for understanding. A key part of understanding what has been read is discussing the words used within the book and thinking about why the author has made these word choices. This skill allows children to 'magpie' or steal words, learned through reading, to use in their own writing. This is just one of the many reasons that it is so important for children to read regularly at home. Children should aim to read at least three times a week in order to develop confidence and fluency. (Examples of some of the children's writing are on the back).

Our school topic for this half term is: Lights Camera Action  
Our enquiry question is: What are all the colours in the world?

## English

A pumpkin? A magic wand? In the classroom?  
Bibbity bobbity boo!

This term we are going to be exploring the book 'Cinderella'. We are going to use our design and technology skills to make puppets of the different characters in the story. Then we will be busy writing invitations to our puppet show and making tickets to our own Christmas play!

## Maths

We will be exploring addition and subtraction to 10 in a variety of ways using many resources. We will be looking at different 2D and 3D shapes along with learning mathematical terms to describe them. We will also be thinking about money, especially as we all need to buy the tickets to our Christmas play!

Remember to practice number formation at home.  
(We use the communication for all rhymes to help us!)

## Learning Across the Curriculum

We are going to be exploring all of the different colours across the world by thinking about different days that we may celebrate and different religions around the world. All of these wonderful celebrations bring many colours to our eyes, fireworks, lights on a Christmas tree, Dwali festival and Hanukkah.

But where do all these wonderful light come from? We will be thinking scientifically about light, stars, the moon, our reflection and shadows. We will be using technology around the classroom to help us explore this further.

## Reminders

Please ensure ALL uniform and water bottles are named.

PE will be on Monday's and Thursday's.

Library is on a Friday.

## How to Support at Home

Read or share a book with your child every day.

Practice number and letter formation.

Upload what your child has done at home by using tapestry. Your child will have the opportunity to share this with their class at school.

## Class Dates

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Individual photos.

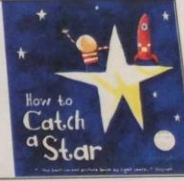
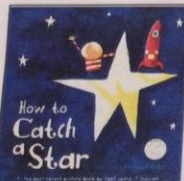
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Café

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December Parent Meetings

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Reception Christmas Play



Below are some examples of how Beech Class have been influenced by the words they have heard in stories.

How to catch a star



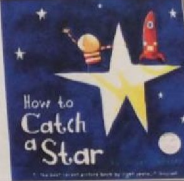
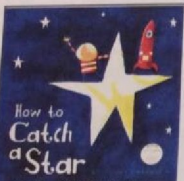
I stood on a rock I jumped  
and put my magic  
wand to the star.

How to catch a star



get a net to catch  
a star put it into  
a dream box

How to catch a star



Get into a rocket and get  
a star.  
a star