



Beech Termly Newsletter

Autumn 1 – 2023

Starts: 06-09-2023 Ends: 20-10-2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Marlborough after a somewhat wet summer holidays. We hope that you all managed to enjoy the break despite the weather.

Miss Gray will teach the class Mondays to Wednesdays, and Mr Dore on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Lewis will be our teaching assistant Wednesdays to Fridays.

Our termly project will be history based - 'Britain since 1948'

We will look at a variety of aspects of how Britain has changed over time: inventions, prime ministers, T.V., technology and music. We will look at how Britain was impacted by World War II, 'Beatlemania' and how the world wide web changed the world. Perhaps the children could talk to family members to find out how life has changed since they were young.

English

We are looking at two different genres: narrative and explanation. We will look at the opening section of the narrative book 'The Summer I Robbed a Bank' by David O'Doherty and write our own version. We will then be writing our own explanation texts based on deep sea creatures.

Maths

Our Maths topics will look to secure basic skills before moving on. We will start with 'Place value' and then move on to the four operations - addition, subtraction, division and multiplication.

Science

Our Science topic will be 'Changing circuits'. We will learn how to build simple circuits and the essential knowledge of how electricity works.

RE

Our unit of study will be 'Stories of Christianity'. We will look at a range of well-known Bible stories and investigate how they help Christians to live their lives today. We will look at the role of Baptism in Christianity and how its roots are from St. John the Baptist.

Art and Design

The children will be learning about Chinese art. They will explore themes, styles and colours. Chinese dragons will be studied for their significance to Chinese culture.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday and collected the following Wednesday.

New weekly spellings will be set each Monday on Spelling Shed. Children are encouraged to use Times Table Rock Stars and read at home as much as possible - 3 times a week is recommended.

PE

Our PE topics will be Handball and Gymnastics. We will be learning about passing and receiving a ball and controlling space as a team. We will also learn to combine and link balances and gymnastic moves into sequences to perform on our own and in groups.

DOJO and website

Try to keep an eye on Class Dojo and the school website for important dates and upcoming events. Feel free to contact us through Class Dojo or by phoning the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Year 5 Widening Horizons Opportunities

Our year 5 pupils will be taking part in the widening horizons again this year. The project aims to encourage children to start thinking about jobs and careers they might enjoy as adults - some of the careers we learned about last year included: construction, mechanics, sales and medicine.

Water sports

We have been offered an exciting opportunity to have a whole day of water sports on Wednesday 13th September. The activities will include: water safety, giant stand-up paddle boarding, kayaking and raft building.

A few things to remember for our new school year:

- Please ensure that your child has a labelled water bottle in school
- Keep an eye on the weather and have a coat if needed.
- Please label all school uniform

Important dates



Wednesday 13th September
Y5/6 Water sports Day

Tuesday 17th October and
Thursday 19th October
Parents' Evenings

Monday 23rd -
Friday 27th
Half-term

Monday 30th October
Start of Term 2