

# Beech Class Newsletter

Teacher: Miss Hilton

TA's- Mrs Skipper and Mrs Rice

## Learning:

**Literacy:** Talk for writing scheme. Our story type is 'Rags to Riches'. Our model text will be 'The Tale of Pirate Tom' which we shall learn orally through picture story maps. We shall be looking at a range of books with the same theme including James and the Giant Peach, Mr Big, The Paperbag Prince and The Bear and the Piano. We will be developing our skills in writing story openers and endings. For non-fiction we shall be looking at newspaper articles and persuasive writing.

**SPaG-** We do a weekly SpaG session. Children this age are expected to understand the following terms, to be able to spot them in their reading and apply them in their writing:

Noun, adjective, adverb, suffix, subordination, noun phrase, past tense, present tense, statement, question, exclamation, command, capital letter, full stop, question mark, exclamation mark, compound sentence and expanded noun phrase. These are areas of focus.

**Guided Reading-** We have 3 guided reading sessions a week to focus on Vocabulary, Inference, Predictions, Explain, Retrieve and Summarise. Sometimes we will be using whole text books such as The Smartest Giant in town. We will also use extracts from books such as The Diary of a Killer Cat and poetry. Children then answer questions or complete activities linked to the areas of focus.

**Numeracy:** Time- quarter to and past and telling time at 5 minute intervals. Position and direction. Addition and subtraction using column method, pictorial representation and concrete objects. Multiplication and division number sentences and word problems. Fractions of quantities and numbers for  $\frac{1}{2}$ 's  $\frac{1}{4}$ 's and  $\frac{1}{3}$ 's. Length- measuring in cm, mm and m. Problem solving and reasoning.

**Science:** Habitats, animal adaptations and food chains. Identifying animal adaptations to support survival in specific habitats, identify and name plants and animals living in specific habitats. Food chains- describe how animals obtain their food.

**Geography:** United Kingdom. Name and locate countries, using a map that make up the UK. Identify and name characteristics of the 4 countries and its surrounding seas.

**DT:** Cooking and nutrition. Name major food groups and discuss good nutrition. Write and follow recipes to make a class recipe book. Design and make healthy pizzas (link the book 'Secret Pizza Party'), make caterpillar salad, fresh lemonade and flavoured water.

**Music-** Charnga scheme 'Zootime.'

**Computing-** Purple Mash scheme. Computing coding catch up day 'Questioning' unit, designed to help children learn about the importance of phrasing questions and that certain datahandling resources are limited in the answers they can provide.

**PSHE-** Healthy me- making good decisions.

**Values & Beliefs:** Christianity- prayer and worship.

**PE-** Fundamental skills with Miss Hilton. Invasion games with Mr Cutting.

### Dates for your diary

World Book Week- W/C 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Wear Pyjamas to school and share a bedtime story- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Story Sharing Assembly- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Dress Down Day- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Tombola- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Bringing Books to Life Day- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Easter Church Service- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**Homework-** We are independent learners in Beech class so it is down to the children to hand in their books in order to get the next batch of homework. Children will have weekly Maths and SPaG sheets and spelling lists for the whole half term.

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