

Beech Class – February 2024

What a quick term! It was lovely to see so many of you at the Open Classroom where you got have chance to view your child's learning. I do hope you were as pleased as we are with them. Thank you for all the comments that you left – the most common was about the improvement in handwriting, which has been a daily focus this term!

Next term, we will be joined by Miss Church who will be teaching alongside me. The children have met her briefly and I trust that they will be as fantastic for her as they are with the rest of the year 5 team.

Looking Ahead

Next term our focus will be continuing our History topic all about Maya Civilisations. We can't learn about the Maya without mentioning chocolate and I know the children would like to play a (shortened) game of pok-a-tok.

We will continue with fractions, decimals and percentages in Maths, finishing the term on decimals. Midway through the term we have our assessment, so will take time to revise what the children have learnt so far this year. Please continue to practice times tables at home, as these are the backbone to most mathematical concepts.

Our class read will be Cosmic by the incredible Frank Cottrell Boyce. This story has me crying with laughter, it is very cleverly written, I know the children will be laughing along with me!

What did Jesus do to save human beings? is our learning question on *RE* next term. This will include looking again at the Big Frieze, focusing on Salvation and the Easter story.

In Science we will be studying Earth, Moon and Space; a topic that children always find fascinating.

It continues to be very important that the children are **reading** to you every night and practising their **spellings** and **times tables**. When reading aloud to you, please do correct any mispronunciation and ask them questions about what they have read and what they think might happen next. The children are very welcome to practise their spellings using the iPad at school if they need to.

Our PE days will still be Monday and Thursday. Make sure your child is wearing correct PE kit – black/grey or blue plain bottoms and white polo shirt with school jumper/cardigan or fleece. They are not to be wearing their own clothes.

Important Dates

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March – Parents evenings

We also have; Practical Maths Week, Book Week, Science Week, Poetry Week, The Lent Project and The Easter Trail.