

Beech Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2016

Welcome back!

We have lots of fantastic things planned for this term. Please find below an overview of some of the key areas we will be covering this term.

Literacy - This term we have started by looking at the poet Allan Ahlberg and have created our own class poem this week based on his work. During this term we will continue to focus on a number of grammar focuses, varying our punctuation and specifically proof-reading their own work.

Maths - This half-term in Maths we have begun by looking at number sense thinking about ordering and representing numbers.

We will also cover additive reasoning and multiplicative reasoning.

Science - This half term we will be finding out about LIGHT! We will be undertaking activities and investigations to help us understand what a light source is (and what it isn't!), all about reflections and mirrors and creating shadows and shadow theatres. We'll be getting our thinking hats on and asking all sorts of interesting questions and using scientific reasoning to explain our ideas! I'm really looking forward to it!
Mrs Billington

Topic - This term's topic will cover the Stone Age to the Iron Age. The children will journey back in time exploring how man survived on so little.

So far we have created a timeline to begin thinking about the major events that happened between these times. The children will have chances to do their own research, explore artefacts from the past and create their own cave paintings.



D&T - Our D&T lessons will be very closely related to this term's science topic. We are going to be learning all about circuits in order to create our own torches.

Music - In music this term we are appraising music, we will listen to a variety of different musical pieces and evaluate them based on their story, the type of instruments used and the atmosphere they create. From this we will create our own music, write stories and create art based on our reactions to the music.

P.E - This term P.E will be on a Tuesday morning and a Friday afternoon. Please ensure children have appropriate kit in school for these days (outdoors on Fri-

Reading - A reminder that in Beech children read both library and 'stage' reading books. Some children choose to bring appropriate books from home, please ensure they are named! Please be aware that as they develop from 'learning to read' to 'reading to learn' they will not be 'heard to read' as often individually in school as we read in guided groups and lessons—this is not recorded in their home school journals. Please do continue reading and discussing texts at home!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask myself or one of the team either on the playground or via email (ckirkland@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk).

We look forward to an exciting term!

Miss Kirkland