

Year Five Curriculum Information-Spring Term 2016

Welcome back to Beech class! Below is an outline of what we will be covering in the curriculum during this term.

Literacy 	In literacy this term the children will be looking at a variety of different styles of writing. At the start of term, children will be writing friendly letters to their pen pals in Canada. The children will focus on the structure of writing a formal letter as well as focusing on the proper structure and organization of a paragraph. Later in the term, students will be looking at various styles of poetry and begin writing and performing their own poetry pieces. The children will also have guided reading sessions each day where they will look at a range of texts to support their reading, writing and grammar.
Numeracy 	Throughout the year children will have numeracy lessons once a day. There will also be regular arithmetic sessions where the children will be utilising their calculation skills before applying these to problems. Within numeracy this term we will be increasing our knowledge of fractions, negative numbers, and problem solving. We will be revising our tables and introducing different methods to multiply and divide larger numbers.
Science 	This term we will be taking a journey to space, where the children will discover all about the earth, sun, moon and the wider solar system. Later on in the term, the children will have the opportunity to discover the different properties of matter, focusing on solids, liquids and gases. Students will be completing an Article Analysis each month, where they will research a scientific article and must report their findings.
History 	This term the children are studying the history of St Neots, starting back in pre-Roman times all the way through to the current day. We will soon be visiting the museum as well as visiting other locations of historical significance around the town. Later on in the term they will be researching some of the most important events and people from St Neots, as well as considering the factors that caused the town to grow from a few buildings into the large town it is today.
MFL 	In MFL this term the children will be learning French. There will be opportunities to learn many practical language skills and look at the culture and traditions of France.
Art 	In Art this term the children will be looking at the work of a range of different artistic skills and utilising these skills in various forms of art pieces.

Physical Education 	This term children will be developing their skills in tactic games, learning skills associated with games such as hockey. Within tactic games the children will learn about the importance of striking and defending. They will also have dance sessions once a week where they will develop their movement, fitness, timing and teamwork.
Homework 	In Maths the children will be using Maths Whizz which should all be very familiar to them. Children should aim to complete a minimum of 60 minutes a week in sessions of between 20-30 minutes. Literacy homework will be sent home on a Thursday every week and will expected to be handed in every Monday. The homework is expected to be of a high standard. All year 5 children are expected to read for at least 15 minutes at home most days. This is extremely beneficial for their development as both readers and writers.