



Beech Class Celebration Newsletter

Term 4 2023



Here is a little insight into some of the super learning that has occurred in Beech class this term.



The Explorer

Our book of the term has been The Explorer. Not only have we honed our prediction skills but we have also looked at using the best vocabulary to contribute to meaning, personification and using DADWAVERS openers to enhance a powerful description. We have also written an informative non-chronological report about a rainforest creature, embraced our inner explorer writing in role and our own narrative.

Maths

In Maths this term we started by multiplying and dividing fractions and then moved on to learning about decimals and percentages. We finished the term with perimeter and area.



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and Dividing
Fractions**

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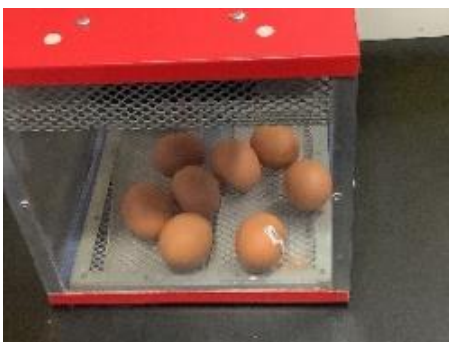
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Living Things and Their Habitats

In Science this term, we have looked at the seven life processes, researched how mammals reproduce, compared how various animals reproduce in different ways and the similarities and differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. We have also learnt about the reproduction and life cycle of plants.



Three Way Study

In Geography we have researched Germany, South Africa, and Japan



Did you know?

Japan is an island nation. It consists of 6,852 islands!

Germany is the birth place of frankfurters, hamburgers, cartwheels and toothpaste!

South Africa has 3 capitals and their milk tart is DELICIOUS!

(Thank you Mrs Van Heerden's mum!)



PE

Alongside our swimming lessons, athletics has been our focus unit in PE this term. We have practised jumping and baton changes. We were also lucky enough to have some sessions with the sports coaches.



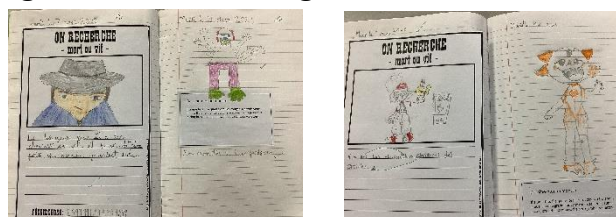
ICT

The children have been practising their coding skills using Scratch – a block-based visual programming language and website.



French

Description of facial features has been the focus this term – moving on to other body parts. We have embedded our learning by creating Wanted Posters, translating a piece of monster description into a drawing and some rousing renditions of **Tête, épaules, genoux et pieds**.



Music

Beech Class continue to impress in their ukulele lessons: they have even done some conducting of three beat waltzes.



Pancake Races

Well done to all our fabulous pancake flippers! Fun and frolics were had by all!



Book Week

Lots of lovely activities took place to celebrate our love of books:

ERIC – Everybody Reads In Class

Book Swap

Favourite book character dressing up

Book Quiz



Science Week

We put our thinking caps on for our Science week activities.

We designed the strongest bridges we could out of paper.

We reinforced our last term's learning with a moon dial.

We investigated our fingerprints – are you a whorl, a loop or an arch?



Comic Relief

A riot of red in exchange for a donation was how we contributed to this year's fundraising in aid of Comic Relief.



Chicks

The children were SO eggcited about the arrival of the eggs waiting to hatch – and then they did! **Warning!** Cuteness overload!



Visiting Vicars

Thank you to Reverend Amanda and John Guest for visiting our classroom for some meaningful, intimate assemblies.



Sneak peek for Term 5

History

In History, we will be looking back in time at Tudor and Stewart **Monarchs**.

We'll be hooking the children in with a lovely trip to Leeds Castle including a fun and informative workshop.



Properties and Materials

will be our Science topic.

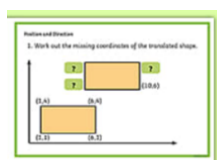
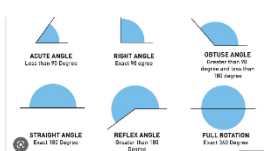
English

Our text for next term will be Treason by Berlie Doherty.



Maths

Angles, position and direction, decimals and negative numbers will be coming up in quick succession.

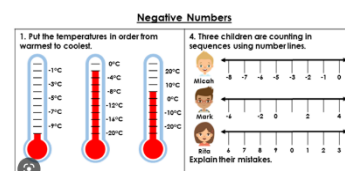


Step 1
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Step 2
Add the fractional parts

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I hope that this newsletter has shown you a little of what has been happening in class this term. If you ever have any questions or queries, please get in touch with the office and they will pass the message on to me and I will respond as soon as I can.

I hope you have a lovely Easter holiday everyone!