

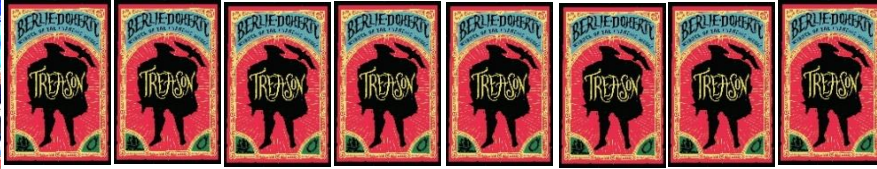


Beech Class Celebration Newsletter

Term 5 2023



Here is a little window into some of the incredible learning that has taken place in Beech class since Easter.



Treason

Beautifully complimenting our Tudor History topic, *Treason* by Berlie Doherty provides an insight into Tudor life. Forced by his power-hungry aunt and uncle to leave his family home, Will Montague finds himself utterly overwhelmed working as a page to Prince Edward under the keen eye of the temperamental King Henry VIII, as prone to unexpected bursts of compassion as he is to brutal cruelty. Just as he begins to find his feet in this new position, Will finds himself suddenly on the run, desperately trying to clear his father, convicted of treason for failing to revert Protestantism, and simultaneously gaining more awareness of the world he lives in and the plights of the working class.

We have made predictions and comparisons, summarised, explored feelings and motives, considered viewpoints, described settings and characters and used a range of sentences to write diary entries and narratives.

Maths

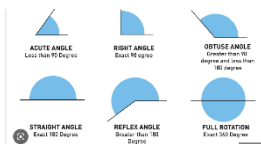


This term in maths, we started by looking at the types of angles and then used known facts to calculate them round a point, on a line and in shapes.



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We moved on to adding and subtracting decimals using, hundred squares, number lines, part-whole models, ten frames, bar models and column methods - remembering, of course, our place values!



Properties and changes of materials

This Science topic will carry over into next term, but so far we have considered the properties of materials and their fitness for purpose, experimented to discover which solids are insoluble or soluble, decided if changes are reversible or irreversible and practised filtering and sieving.



The Tudors

Leeds Castle was the perfect introduction to our History topic this term. Not only did we have fun, but learned so much about the English monarchy. Our enthusiastically performed workshop was full of lavish costumes, marriage, dramatic demise and babies. Back in class, the children have impressed with their retained knowledge. We have become familiar with the Tudor timeline and family tree, found out how the Tudor line started with Henry VII at the Battle of Bosworth, studied Henry VIII and his six wives, gained an insight into the creation of the Church of England and looked in more detail at the reigns of Edward VI and Elizabeth I.



PE

In PE this term, our focus has been OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities) and tennis.



ICT

Creating Media was the ICT unit this term. We have considered what a video is, identified and practised using devices, investigated features of an effective video - including camera angles to create an illusion - and recorded our own videos.

French

In French we have learned the "ille" sound, family member nouns and how to pronounce the alphabet. To help embed this, we have practised spelling names and places.

Music

Ukulele lessons have continued - despite so many bank holidays! Latterly we have started practising a little something ready for our class assembly.

Art

We started the term with a day of all things printing.
Since then we have looked at the impressionists - particularly Monet.



Eco Week

We created this beautiful collaborative piece of art using old magazines, labels and such like.



Bikeability

The weather was kind over the three bikeability days - allowing those taking part to enjoy the freedom that the training would afford them.



HSBC Assembly

We all learned something new in the HSBC assembly about debit cards.



Mini Marathon

Off the back of the London Marathon, the whole school took part in a World Record attempt. Sibling support, Year 1 mentoring and cheering on other classes made the event even more convivial.



Coronation Assembly and Street Party

Our street party (in the hall!) celebrating the King's coronation was a big hit. It kicked off with a fascinating talk from Mr Mayes and included the party games: pass the parcel and Crowns and Thrones before the food - lots and lots of food!



Back to the Future

The whole school enjoyed this melodic Kent Music roadshow. Who knew you could make such beautiful music without expensive musical instruments?



Sneak peek for Term 3

Geography

Global Study

We will be looking at maps and compass points.

Properties and changes of materials

is our ongoing Science topic. We will be starting the term with decanting.



English

Malamander by Thomas Taylor



Herbert Lemon,

Lost-and-Founder at the Grand Nautilus Hotel, knows that returning lost things to their rightful owners is not easy - especially when the lost thing is not a thing at all, but a girl. No one knows what happened to Violet Parma's parents twelve years ago, and when she engages Herbie to help her find them, the pair discover that their disappearance might have something to do with the legendary sea-monster, the Malamander. Eerie-on-Sea has always been a mysteriously chilling place, where strange stories seem to wash up. And it just got stranger.

Maths

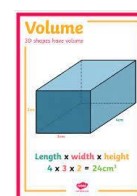
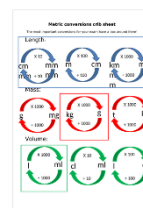
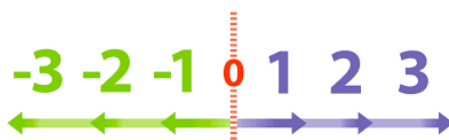
We will be completing our decimals before moving on to negative numbers, closely followed by converting units and volume.

Step 1
Line up the decimals

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Step 2
Add the fractional parts

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Other things to look forward to include a **class assembly - 20.6.23 at 9.15**
and **sports day - 21.6.23pm!**

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 get in touch as soon as I can.