



Beech Class Celebration Newsletter

Term 3 2023



Here is a little taster of some of the great learning that has taken place in Beech class this term.



Hidden Figures

This has been our book of the term and the children have produced some wonderful newspaper articles and persuasive letters inspired by the book. The children were somewhat surprised at the adversity through discrimination that these amazing women faced.



Maths

In Maths this term, we have practised adding and subtracting fractions and solved problems using long multiplication and bus-stop division.



Earth and Space

The children have learned that the sun is the centre of our solar system. The sun, moon and Earth are approximately spherical bodies. The Earth orbits the sun whilst the moon orbits the Earth - both in an anticlockwise direction. The Earth spins on its own axis in an anticlockwise direction and it is the movement of the Earth that creates night and day. The moon is not a light source, it reflects light from the sun. We have looked at the sizes of the planets in the solar system and the relative distances they are from the sun.



Ancient Maya Civilisation

We now know when and where the Maya lived, why they were so successful, how they were ruled and the similarities to Anglo-Saxon England.



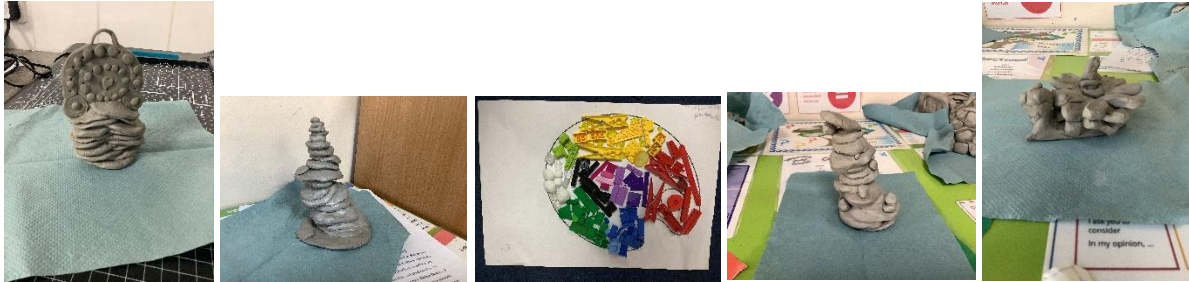
PE

Gymnastics has been our focus unit in PE this term



Art

This term our focus artist has been Tony Cragg. We have embraced our inner sculptors to create some amazing sculptures.



ICT

Technophobes, Beech children are certainly not! They have grasped all the techniques taught to create some fabulous vector drawings.



French

Shapes, colours and position have been the vocabulary focus this term – and being introduced to the work of Henri (with a silent H) Matisse in order to practise it. The children were a little surprised that the adjectives come after the noun in French!



Music

Our ukulele lessons have continued – and we enjoy singing along sometimes too. We have read music using tablature and sung in harmony.



Hamlet

We were so fortunate to have the opportunity to see an amazing, interactive, 3-man (and two volunteer Lower Halstow children) performance of Hamlet at the Gulbenkian Theatre in Canterbury.



Jack and The Beanstalk

Just when we thought all the seasonal festivities were over, we felt really lucky to be entertained by a pantomime in the middle of January!



Maths Week

Beech class enjoyed coming up with some demanding everyday maths problems for Oak class to solve, and then rose to the challenges they were in turn set by our Year 6 neighbours.



Sneak peek for Term 3

Three Way Study



In Geography we will be looking at South Africa, Germany and Japan.



Living Things and their Habitats....

will be our Science topic. We will be discussing the seven life processes.



English

Our text for next term will be The Explorer by Katherine Rundell.



Maths

Multiplying and dividing fractions is our starting point closely followed by learning about decimals and percentages.



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.