

St. Peter's Academy - Newsletter

Beech Class.

Staff:

Mrs Gilbey – Beech Class Teacher
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Date: Friday 13th December 2024



General news:

My classroom is full of tinsel! When the children asked if they could bring decorations to brighten up their tables, I was unsure about the potential mess that this might create each day for our cleaners – however, I have been proved wrong and at the end of each day, the classroom looks spotless!

The children have continued to stay focused despite this being an exciting time of the year – they have completed quite a few assessments lately without complaint! They were rewarded with a wonderful pantomime today (Aladdin) followed by a picnic lunch back at school.

This week's other learning:

- Maths – as well as keeping times tables ticking along, the children have completed a series of end of unit and end of term assessments – without complaining too much!!
- English – we are now enjoying our final Talk for Writing text. We have returned to non-fiction – this time, looking at a detailed set of instructions about how to defeat an ogre and save the day! From this, we will work on all the different features before writing our own version later next week.
- Spanish – this week, the children completed an end of term assessment which covered everything learnt this term.
- Art – we have used water colours to create landscapes as well as making Christmas cards to bring home!
- Music – we have been continuing to work on the songs for our forthcoming Christmas concert along with practising our own section of the Christmas story.

Beech Class homework:

- Reading – children should aim to read at least 5 times a week and this can be recorded in the reading section of the school diary.
- Spellings – I will be administering one more randomly picked set of previously learnt words at some point next week. The children will also have a new list in their school diary ready for the Spring term – I will give these out next week. Some of these words/rules will be repeated from the Autumn term.
- Maths – Some maths based on Christmas dinner and cooking times to end our homework for the term!
- English – A fun Christmas activity based on finding words from 'Christmas Tree'
- Capital city questions will return after Christmas.

Mrs Gilbey's Festive Questions!

- Why do people hang stockings by the fire at Christmas (Hint – it's a story about St. Nicholas helping a family in need)
- Can you name all nine of Santa's reindeer?
- In the movie 'Home Alone', what is the name of the boy who is accidentally left behind at Christmas?

Key dates coming up:

Please refer to the weekly at a glance and headteacher newsletters for these, as linked below.

[Headteacher Newsletter](#)

[Weekly at a glance](#)

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Gilbey 😊