

St. Peter's Academy - Newsletter

Beech Class.

Staff:

Mrs Gilbey – Beech Class Teacher
Additional support – Mrs Smith, Mrs Brown

Date: Friday 15th November 2024



General news:

Thank you for returning your appointment request for the forthcoming parent's evenings next Wednesday and Thursday. As mentioned previously, I am happy to speak to you on a different day after school or by telephone if you are not able to make these dates. Certain time slots are proving to be rather popular, but I will try my best to fit everyone in!

The children have enjoyed learning about scratch coding this week in our IT session – I am sure that many will want to explore this further at home now they have some good, basic knowledge.

This week's other learning:

- Maths – as well as keeping times tables ticking along, the children have worked on finding multiples and common multiples as well as factors and common factors of a range of numbers,
- English – we are now well into our new unit of work based around the gruesome text 'Beowulf'. As well as finding examples of Kennings structures, we have highlighted different features of the model text and written our own ideas based on these.
- History – this week, we have discussed the hierarchy of power during the period of the Shang Dynasty.
- P.E. – Yoga and outdoor multi-sports.
- Science – This week, we began to look at the solar system and the children thought of their own mnemonic rhymes to help them remember the order from the sun's position.
- Art – we have experimented with different tints and shades by gradually adding white to a primary colour to lighten it.

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 – Your child will have a list of spellings in their diary to learn ready for either a test or dictation sentences next Friday. As an extension, encourage your child to write their own definition for each word and/or write sentences to include each word.
- Maths – please encourage your child to complete their individual times table grid and make a note of the time it took to complete as well as learning the 8x table thoroughly for a quick fire speed test next Friday.
- English – please complete the sheet based on Kennings poetry – either for a teacher, an owl or both!
- Capital cities to find out for this week: Cuba, Argentina, Chile.

Mrs Gilbey's retrieval questions: – tell someone in your family!

- Can you remember the order of the planets from the sun?
- Who was at the top of the pyramid of power during the Shang Dynasty?
- In number, what is a factor and what is a multiple?

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 😊