

St. Peter's Academy - Newsletter

Beech Class.

Staff:

Mrs Gilbey - Beech Class Teacher

Additional support - Mrs Smith

Date: Friday 20th September



General news and this week's learning:

We have enjoyed an extremely busy and slightly different week! We began on Monday with a special assembly to acknowledge 'Dot Day'. The children learnt that this special day is a time to think about making your mark in life (hence the dot), positive thinking and resilience. From this, the children enjoyed creating their own dot and have written about who inspires them. We have also created posters about having a positive mindset.

On Tuesday morning, we enjoyed a whole school assembly delivered by Ali Jacques from The Dogs Trust. Her talk was all about caring for dogs and how to behave safely and kindly around them. This visit was then followed up with a one-hour session in our classroom to reinforce the information from assembly. The children listened carefully and really enjoyed the acting and interactive marching!

This week's other learning:

- Maths – as well as keeping times tables ticking along, our maths focus has been to work with numbers up to 1,000,000 and the power of 10.
- English – As part of our focus text 'The Canal', we have written pieces of descriptive writing to include similes and personification as well as reading, grammar and handwriting.
- Geography – We looked at different sections from OS maps and found contour lines.
- R.E. – inspirational people
- P.E. – gymnastics and outdoor multi-sports.

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 their new 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.
 - Please complete the individual times table sheet – we have been working on these at school against a timer (5 minutes) and the children will complete one more next Friday before changing to a different one.
 - English – please complete the personification worksheet to support this week's learning.
 - Capital cities to find out for this week: China, Turkey, Italy, Netherlands
- Mrs Gilbey's retrieval questions: – tell someone in your family!
- What is the job of a contour line on a map?
 - What do we mean by 'inspiration'?
 - What is 'The Dog's Trust' and why is it an important charity?

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 😊