

St. Peter's Academy - Newsletter

Beech Class.

Staff:

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Date: Friday 29th November 2024



General news:

We are getting very excited now that Christmas is fast approaching! The children enjoyed a fantastic afternoon in St. Peter's church on Wednesday afternoon where an 'Advent Experience' was planned for them by Reverend Ruth Colby and her amazing team of volunteers. The session involved various story stations for the children to visit in groups – each one linked to advent and the build up to Christmas. We are also beginning to work on our section of the Christmas story which will be performed as part of the Key Stage 2 Christmas concert in church on the morning of Thursday 19th December. We hope that you will be able to attend!

This week's other learning:

- Maths – as well as keeping times tables ticking along, we have continued to revise multiples, factors and prime numbers as well as working on square and cube numbers. We will then move onto fractions to complete this term's units of work.
- English – As we come towards the end of our 'Beowulf' unit, the children have written their own paragraphs of a defeat the monster tale following a specific structure. We will then begin to plan our hot writes.
- History – this week, we have looked at everyday life during the Shang Dynasty, such as homes, jobs and the roles of men, women and children.
- P.E. – Yoga and outdoor lacrosse.
- Science – we have continued to create fact files for chosen planets in the solar system, adding extra information.
- R.E. – Advent and what this means to Christians.

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 complete the times table challenge sheet and make a note of the time it took to complete before returning it to school. Also please revise your 12x table thoroughly for a quick fire speed test next Friday.
 - Please revise ALL capital cities covered so far this term for homework. There will be a giant quiz next Friday!
- Mrs Gilbey's retrieval questions: – tell someone in your family!
- What sort of food was often eaten during the Shang dynasty?
 - Can you explain the meaning of Advent?
 - What sorts of homes did royals, nobles and wealthy people live in during the Shang Dynasty?

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 😊