

# St. Peter's Academy - Newsletter

## Beech Class.

### Staff:

Mrs Gilbey – Beech Class Teacher  
Additional support – Mrs Smith

Date: Friday 4th October 2024



### General news:

It's been a bit of a soggy week – especially on Monday and Tuesday! Thankfully the weather did improve, and the children were able to get outside for some much needed fresh air. We enjoyed a fantastic performance from Jeremy and Martha (Image theatre company) on Tuesday afternoon. The message of being kind, sharing and taking care was told beautifully through the story of 'The Selfish Giant'. Well done to those children who were selected to take part in the acting! I have noticed that some children are shivering during outdoor P.E. sessions on Friday mornings now the weather has turned colder. We have spoken about this, and it may be worth sending your child with the option of jogging bottoms and some extra layers if they wish.

Thank you for returning your Young Voices ticket and t-shirt order forms if your child is one of the many members of the Year 5 and 6 choir – you are in for a treat next February!

### This week's learning:

- Maths – as well as keeping times tables ticking along, we have started a new unit of work on addition as well as comparing a range of numbers using  $<$ ,  $>$  and  $=$ , and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000 and 10,000
- English – we have been working on different examples of persuasive texts for our new talk for writing unit. Our grammar focus has been modal verbs, synonyms, antonyms and rhetorical questions.
- Art – We created fabulous Taotie designs using clay! (it was very messy!)
- R.E. – Building on our work about inspirational people, the children were asked to write about how a friend or family member inspires them.
- P.E. – gymnastics and outdoor multi-sports.
- One Decision – making good choices.

### 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.
- Maths – please complete the sheet on rounding to consolidate past and current learning plus an optional extra challenge.
- English – please complete the activities based around similes to consolidate our learning.
- Capital cities to find out for this week: Russia, Finland, Poland, Wales.

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

- What message can we take from the story of 'The Selfish Giant'?
- Can you give some examples of modal verbs and put them into a sentence?
- What do we mean by persuasive writing?

### 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 😊