

St. Peter's Academy - Newsletter

Beech Class.

Staff:

Mrs Gilbey – Beech Class Teacher
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Date: Friday 6th December 2024



General news:

We are in December! There are lots of excited children now that the Christmas card post-box is up and running in the reception area of school. I have reminded the children that it is very important that they write the name and class clearly on the front of the envelopes so that smooth delivery can take place! We also have both a chocolate and a digital advent calendar in our class. The theme for our online calendar this year is Paris – we have been learning new information about the city as well as various interactive festive challenges. We enjoyed an informative assembly about water on Tuesday and are grateful to Chloe from Severn Trent Water for providing this for us.

Spelling and times table tests will take place on Thursday 12th next week as we are at the pantomime on Friday.

This week's other learning:

- Maths – as well as keeping times tables ticking along, we have been working on multiplying and dividing whole numbers and decimals by 10, 100 and 1000 as well as doubling and halving.
- English – As we come towards the end of our 'Beowulf' unit, the children have planned, written and edited their hot write story about defeating an ogre!
- History – this week, we have continued to look at everyday life during the Shang Dynasty in closer detail.
- P.E. – Yoga and outdoor lacrosse.
- Science – we have created models to show and further understand how the earth and moon move in relation to each other and to the sun.
- Spanish – My family and revision of numbers to 100.
- Art – we have used water colours to closely match shades and tones in sections of landscape paintings.
- Music – we have been working 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 a randomly picked set of previously learnt words for the next two weeks and have asked the children to revise all spellings so far this term for this.
 - Maths – The children have been given activities to practise their doubling and halving skills at speed. Also please revise your 7,8 and 9x table thoroughly for a quick fire speed test next Thursday. (Pantomime is Friday)
 - English – please complete activities based on adding the suffixes 'tion' and 'ment'
 - Capital city questions will return after Christmas.
- Mrs Gilbey's retrieval questions: – tell someone in your family!
- Can you explain the movement of the earth?
 - Can you remember 3 interesting facts from our Severn Trent water assembly?
 - From which country (since 1947) has the huge Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square travelled from?

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 😊