

St. Peter's Academy - Newsletter

Beech Class.

Staff:

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

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General news:

Welcome back to a new half term! This has been a strange week as we have all been a bit disorientated by returning to school on a Tuesday! As mentioned in a previous newsletter, our indoor P.E. and R.E. will now be taught on Tuesday afternoons by former headteacher of Langar school – Emily Brown. Please make sure your child has the appropriate indoor P.E. kit in school for this day. This is for this half term only. Christmas is already on the agenda – we have designed some fantastic cards for our annual Christmas fundraiser organised by the PTFA. These designs will be available for you to view online shortly. You should now have received a parent's evening letter – if you are unable to make either of the dates, I am happy to see you after school on a different day at a mutually convenient time.

This week's other learning:

- Maths – as well as keeping times tables ticking along, the children have completed an end of unit assessment on addition and subtraction as well as beginning our new unit of work on multiplication, beginning with factors.
- English – We have now completed our 'hot write' which was a piece of persuasive writing to promote beach holidays. We have also started a new 'Talk for Writing' unit based around the fiction text 'Beowulf'. This began with a 'cold write' which involved creating a story about defeating a monster or mythical creature.
- Geography – We have started to look at vegetation belts around the world.
- P.E. – Yoga and outdoor multi-sports.
- Science – an investigation based on testing water resistance.
- Sleep workshop – we discussed and learnt techniques to help get a better night of sleep. (I also found this useful!)

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 activity sheet based on factors as well as learning your 7x table thoroughly for a quick fire speed test next Friday.
 - English – please complete the activities based around synonyms.
 - Capital cities to find out for this week: Thailand, Spain, Canada.
- Mrs Gilbey's retrieval questions: – tell someone in your family!
- What is a vegetation belt?
 - Can you explain how we tested water resistance?
 - We have been discussing the election in the USA this week – how many stars are on the American flag and what do they represent?

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 😊