

St. Peter's Academy - Newsletter

Beech Class.

Staff:

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Additional support – Mrs Smith, Mrs Brown

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General news:

Happy new year to you all and welcome to the new term!

Thank you once again for all of my wonderful Christmas gifts – I have been working my way through lots of chocolate and sweets over the last couple of weeks! I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break – the children were certainly ready for a holiday and have now returned bright eyed and bushy tailed in readiness for the new term ahead!

We will now begin a completely new set of topics for each subject – our main driver topic this term is geography based and will focus on farming, both in the UK and further afield. We also have new topics for science, art, DT and R.E.

This week, we have been tying up loose ends from the end of last term as well as completing two science assessments and making a start with our geography work. The children have also written about their new year's resolutions – we shall see...

From next week, P.E. days will be as follows:

Wednesday afternoon – outdoor P.E.

Thursday afternoon – indoor P.E.

This week's other learning:

- Maths – as well as keeping times tables ticking along, we have been working on fractions – finding and recognising equivalent fractions as well as converting improper fractions to mixed numbers.
- English – The children wrote a set of instructions for how to survive on a desert island for their non-fiction hot writes at the end of last term and have spent time this week editing and copying up their work. We have also written our 'cold write' for the new non-fiction unit based on discussion and debate.
- Geography – this week, we have looked at an information video about allotments and from this have produced information leaflets focussing on soil quality, transport links and animals.
- R.E. – The children completed their final session with Mrs Brown, focusing on the Epiphany.
- Science – the children have completed two assessments based on last term's topics.

Beech Class homework:

As it is the first week back, I will not be setting any new homework apart from:

- 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 revise your 8x, 9x and 12x table thoroughly for a quick fire speed test next Friday.
- Capital cities to learn for next Friday: Bulgaria, Cyprus, Ireland.

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

- Can you explain the significance of the 'Epiphany'? (think about your lesson with Mrs Brown)
- What do we mean by an equivalent fraction? Can you give some examples?

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 😊