

# St. Peter's Academy - Newsletter

## Beech Class.

### Staff:

Mrs Gilbey – Beech Class Teacher  
Additional support – Mrs Smith.

Date: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025



### General news:

The children have continued to work hard this week, we are already halfway through this half term – the time is flying by!

On Tuesday we enjoyed a very informative assembly about water safety. The children were reminded about the potential dangers of playing near water and what to do if they were to see someone in trouble. Adrain Royston delivered the assembly – he was from the 'Canal and River Trust'.

### This week's other learning:

- Maths – as well as keeping times tables ticking along, we are now close to ending our unit of work on fractions (for now) This week we have been adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator as well as adding within one and greater than one.
- English – The children are still enjoying the discussion focus of this unit and have looked at a variety of discussion texts, paying particular attention to the structure and language used. We have also completed a range of grammar activities based on discussion texts.
- History – We have designed our own posters based on the 'Dig for Victory' campaign during the second world war.
- Geography – This week we have compared the different soil types that we discussed last week and have considered which is the best/poorest quality,
- Science – We have developed our knowledge of animal groups, specifically vertebrates and from this have researched the five key characteristics of mammals.
- Art – The children created sunset backgrounds to complement their Hindu elephant designs (also R.E.)

### Beech Class homework:

- Reading – children should aim to read at least 3 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 all times tables thoroughly for a quick-fire speed test next Friday. This will now be a weekly requirement as part of homework to increase speed of recall.
- Art homework – Vale of Belvoir Rotary Art Competition. Please see poster for details. Closing date is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Entries can be returned to school before this date.
- Capital cities to learn for next Friday: Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Peru.
- Mrs Gilbey's retrieval questions: – tell someone in your family!
- What are the five key characteristics of a mammal?
- Can you name four different soil types?
- Can you give an example of formal and informal language?

### 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 😊