

St. Peter's Academy – Newsletter

Beech Class.

Staff:

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

Date: Friday 28th February 2025



General news:

Welcome back to the start of a new half term!

Your children have returned to school full of enthusiasm and news about their various adventures over the half term break. They have settled quickly back into the routine of school and continue to work very hard. Thank you for supporting your child with the two pieces of homework that were set last half term. There have been some super pieces of both artwork for the Rotary competition and some rather delicious recipes created with in season ingredients. The creative ideas shown in the presentation of the food homework task are fantastic and I think your children really enjoyed the challenge. We certainly enjoyed sampling them – thank you so much for your support with this!

You should have received a letter for parents evening for Wednesday 19th or Thursday 20th March. As always, I am happy to meet with you after school on a different date (mutually arranged) if you are unable to make these days.

This week's other learning:

- Maths – as well as keeping times tables ticking along, we have now reached the end of our most recent unit on multiplication and division and have also completed an end of unit assessment on this. Our next unit will be perimeter and area for a few weeks.
- English – The children have loved our T+V unit on suspense stories. We have worked on a range of skills using our toolkit and are now ready to use their written structure to begin planning and writing their own versions based on 'The Nightmare man' over the next week or so.
- P.E. – we are enjoying both basketball skills and a range of outdoor cooperation activities, working in teams. Lots of children in both Year 5 and 6 have planned and delivered some warmup activities for the start of each lesson with amazing confidence – we will be out of a job soon!
- R.E. – We have continued to enjoy learning about the Hindu faith and the focus this week has been the importance of the Puja tray.
- Geography – We have been introduced to some new vocabulary in connection with modern day farming techniques.

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. For children to gain 'points' towards their bronze, silver, gold and platinum bookmarks, all reading must be signed by an adult by the Friday of each week.
- 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.
- Please complete and return the activities based around onomatopoeia for English (we have been working on this at school) and the double-sided mental arithmetic challenges for Maths. (Please include the time taken to complete each side)
- Capital cities to learn for next Friday: Cape Verde, Hungary, Romania
- Mrs Gilbey's retrieval questions: – tell someone in your family!
- What can you remember about the 'Puja' tray?
- Can you name all the different stages of the human life cycle?

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 😊

