

St. Peter's Academy - Newsletter

Beech Class.

Staff:

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

Date: Friday 31st January 2025



General news:

Another week of hard work! For the many children in Beech class who chose to take part in Young Voices – it's getting close, and we are all very excited – tickets and t-shirts should be with you shortly.

We enjoyed another 'Life Education Workshop' on Thursday (delivered by Jenny Lorimer) On this occasion the theme was the importance of friends and how we can help each other to make good decisions. The session began with a recap of previous workshops, building on our knowledge of staying healthy (including a workout to get heart rates up!). From this, we then considered the importance of making good choices through discussion, paired and group work and how to be a good friend and resist bad influences.

This week's other learning:

- Maths – as well as keeping times tables ticking along, we have now completed our fraction unit which culminated in an assessment at the beginning of the week. We have now moved onto more multiplication and division work.
- English – the children have enjoyed the discussion focus of our 'Talk for Writing' and have written some excellent hot writes based on the title 'Should homework be banned?' – there were some very interesting arguments put forward!
- DT – we compiled a set of questions to ask Mrs Plumb based on how she organises the preparation of our school meals – this fits in with the topic "Eat the Seasons"
- R.E. – we have looked at important Hindu symbols and their significance.
- Science – the children are finding this topic very interesting and have enjoyed classifying different plant cycles as well as learning about plant reproduction.
- Art – we have considered the different techniques used for shading and produced some excellent results by using a soft, shading pencil.

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.
- DT 'Take Care' homework – please see homework sheet for all details. This also available to view on my class page.
- Capital cities to learn for next Friday: Algeria, Czech Republic, New Zealand.
- Mrs Gilbey's retrieval questions: – tell someone in your family!
- What are the two types of plant reproduction, and can you explain the difference?
- Can you remember what these words mean? – hypnosis, depleted, mechanism
- Can you name the different techniques of shading?

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 😊