

St. Peter's Academy - Newsletter

Beech Class.

Staff:

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

Date: Friday 7th February 2025



General news:

I can't believe that we are almost at the end another half term – the weeks have really flown by! We are well into our Spring term topics now and the children seem to be really enjoying their learning.

This week's other learning:

- Maths – as well as keeping times tables ticking along, we are now back to multiplication – so far, we have revised multiplying 3- and 4-digit numbers by a single digit and have practised setting this out formally within the squares of our maths books. We have also started to multiply numbers by 2 or 3 digits using the same format.
- English – We are now back to a fiction unit for 'Talk for Writing' and this is based around the text 'The Nightmare Man'. So far, the children have written suspense style 'cold writes' and we are now working on a range of skills to enhance our writing for this focus.
- P.E. – we are enjoying both indoor gymnastics and a range of outdoor cooperation activities, working in teams. Many children have also planned and delivered some warmup activities for the start of each lesson.
- R.E. – The focus this week has been on the significance of the main Hindu Gods.
- Art – We have continued to apply the different techniques used for shading and this week the children have produced some excellent examples of clasped hands by shading appropriately.
- Geography – The children have looked at different locations in the UK and how the climate and soil type can affect farming.
- Science/DT – we have made life cycle wheels for chosen mammals to show the stages and process.

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.
 - Ongoing until February 28th – 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: Monaco, Malta, Israel.
- Mrs Gilbey's retrieval questions: – tell someone in your family!
- How might soil and climate affect farming in the UK
 - What can you remember about Hindu Gods?
 - Please note that indoor PE will take place on Tuesday for next week only (due to Young Voices on Thursday).

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 😊