

St. Peter's Academy - Newsletter

Beech Class.

Staff:

Mrs Gilbey – Beech Class Teacher
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Date: Friday 19th September 2025



General news

On Monday, our day was slightly different – we enjoyed a workshop about how we should be positive about our body image. This was delivered by Fiona Stephens from the mental health support team. I was very pleased with how the children listened, took part in discussions and answered a variety of questions in a very sensible manner. We have also marked 'Dot Day' by making our own individual marks on a dot as well as looking at Pointillism in our art session.

Meet and Greet next Wednesday between 3.45pm and 4.35pm – I will send the information home with your child before this date as well as placing the information slides onto my class page. This year, this is an informal 'drop in' session if you wish to say hello or need further information.

*** Your child will need their P.E. kit in school for an outdoor orienteering session next Tuesday (September 23rd)

This week's learning:

- Maths – as well as keeping times tables ticking along, our maths focus has been to work with numbers up to 1,000,000 and beyond.
- English – As part of our focus text 'The Canal', we have written pieces of descriptive writing to include similes and new vocabulary as well as reading, grammar and handwriting.
- History – We have placed China on a world map as well as beginning to find out more about 'The Shang Dynasty'
- R.E. – The children have written facts about St Peter as well as reflecting on how they can also become great leaders.
- P.E. – Multi sports and agility.
- Science – We have been learning about friction as a force.
- Art – Dot Day activities (Pointillism)

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 their new 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.
 - In addition to working on Times Table Rockstars, please complete the ultimate times table sheet – challenge yourself against a timer and record the time taken at the top of the sheet – don't worry if this takes a while – you will get quicker!!
 - English – please complete the worksheet 'Inventing New Similes' to reinforce this week's learning – be as creative as you can!
 - Capital cities to find out for this week: England, China and Germany.
- Mrs Gilbey's retrieval questions: – tell someone in your family!
- Can you explain what we mean by friction?
 - On what continent is China and can you name any countries that surround China?

Key dates coming up:

Please refer to the weekly at a glance and fortnightly headteacher newsletters for these, as linked below.

[Headteacher Newsletter](#)

[Weekly at a glance](#)

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Gilbey 😊