



Welcome to Beech Class September 2021



Our learning in September and October:

Our first topic is Little Eaton. During this unit we will cover the following areas:

Geographical skills, fieldwork and history

- Use digital maps to locate and describe physical features in the UK, East Midlands, Derby and Little Eaton.
- Study Ordnance Survey maps to explore how Little Eaton has changed from 1890 to the present day.
- Learn about Thomas Bates (1844 – 1903), his life in Little Eaton and what he has provided for people living in the village today.
- Develop map and compass skills using local fieldwork.

English:

We will be celebrating Roald Dahl day on Monday 13th September, children have been asked to dress up as one of his characters on this day. Please don't feel pressured to buy a costume, there are many characters in the books who wouldn't require a specialist item.

Our first English unit will focus on descriptive writing using the character 'Plop' from the book, "The Owl that was afraid of the dark". We will then look at non-chronological reports about owls.



This half term, our class book is Peanut Jones and the Illustrated City by Rob Biddulph

Maths:

Our focus for this half term will be Place Value and Number, including:

- Representing numbers to 1000
- Find 1, 10, 100 more or less
- Number line to 1000
- Compare and order numbers and objects to 1000
- Count in 50s
- Add and subtract multiples of 100
- Add and subtract 3, 2 and 1 digit numbers

Other curriculum areas include:

- Science: Animals including humans
 - Art – Leaves
 - Music – Brass lessons will be on Tuesday afternoon.
 - French – children will be taught by a specialist French teacher (Mrs Duncan) on a Monday afternoon.
 - Computing – E-safety, using and applying, word processing
- PE – Athletics
PSHE – TEAM



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Supporting learning at home:

- **Spellings:** Spellings will be taught in school and lists will not be sent home to learn.
- **Reading:** Every child needs to read frequently. In year 3, children need to read for at least 20 minutes every day and talk to an adult about what they have read. Please encourage your child to use their reading diary to record the reading that they have done each day and obtain a signature from an adult who has listened to them. Reading diaries will be checked and books changed every Tuesday.
To promote reading this term, we have put up a leaf reading challenge display in the classroom. Each daily reading session, confirmed by a diary signature, will enable your child to move up a level. The aim of the challenge is that all children will get 30 signatures by the end of the term, successfully making it across the leaves to the tree at the end of the challenge.
- **Homework:** Children will be set English homework, every week on a Monday and this will be due back the following Monday. This will begin on Monday 20th September and will be accompanied by a letter to explain how it will work. You may support your child in tasks but please ensure that if they are struggling at any time, they know that they can ask me or Mrs Williams for help.

Useful information:

Coats: Please make sure your child brings a coat so we can go outside! Also ensure that EVERYTHING is named! If it gets lost and it isn't named, then we cannot return it.

PE: On our PE days, children will need to come to school already dressed in their PE kit. They will remain in these clothes for the rest of the school day. Please also make sure that your child has a named water bottle. This term we will be doing PE on a **Monday and Thursday** (starting on Thursday 9th September).

Dates for the diary:

13th September – Roald Dahl day

22nd September – Little Eaton History Society visit to talk to children about Thomas Bates

19th October – Online safety parents meeting (6:30pm) More information to follow.

22nd October – INSET day (school is closed for the children) and then half term holiday

1st November – Children return to school

If you have any questions to ask or have information to tell us, please get in touch via the school office (julie.carter@littleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk or 01332 831471). One of us will also be available on the playground at the end of the school day.

Thank you in advance for your support,
Mrs Dilleigh and Mrs Williams

