



Welcome to Beech Class November 2021



Our learning in November and December:

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

- What is a mountain and how are they formed?
- Where are the mountains in the UK located?
- How are mountains shown on maps?
- Where in the world are mountains and mountain ranges?
- What is the weather and climate like on mountains? (Andes focus)
- Why do tourists visit mountains?



English:

Our English work will start with explanation texts using an amazing new 'Teacher Pleaser' machine. A new innovation, 'The Parent Pleaser 2021' is expected soon after. As a follow up to our work on The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark, we will be writing non-chronological reports about barn owls.

The class read will be The Twits by Roald Dahl.

Maths:

Our focus for this half term will be addition and subtraction. Towards the end of the term we will move onto multiplication and division. We will be covering the following areas:

- Add and subtract numbers of up to 3 digits mentally and using formal written methods of column addition and subtraction for 3-digit numbers.
- Use inverse operations to check answers
- Arrays for multiplication and understanding these are equal groups
- Understanding division as equal groups that are shared equally
- Know multiplication and division facts for 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10. Recognise their inverses.
- Use all four operations to solve problems.

Times tables:

- Regular times table work and tests will be carried out in class. Children are expected to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables by the end of year 3.
- Children will continue to progress through the times table challenge with a test each **Monday** starting in Week 2 of this term. A letter with more information will follow shortly.
- Practice sheets are sent home after each test and TTRockstars is updated each week to reflect the table children are focussing on. Other useful websites can be found on the class page under curriculum support: maths.



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Other curriculum areas include:

- Science: Completion of Animals including humans, then Rocks
- PE: Handball/Basketball (Mr Singh) and Benchball
- DT: Snowman Sewing
- Music: Brass lessons (Tuesday afternoons) and singing
- PSHE: Be yourself
- RE: Why is the bible so important for Christians today?
- French: children will be taught by a specialist French teacher (Mrs Duncan) on a Monday afternoon.
- Computing: Creating media - desktop publishing

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 15-20 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 will continue to have a 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 in their diaries by the end of the term, successfully making it to the top of the Christmas tree, the end of the challenge. A copy of this challenge has been stuck in children's diaries. In the last week of this term, we will have a reading challenge party in the last week to celebrate success.

- **Homework:** Children will continue to be set *English* homework, every week on a *Monday* and this will be due back the following *Monday*. This will recommence on 1st November. For *maths*, as well as times tables practice, there will be homework set on a *Friday*. This will be due in on the following *Thursday*. This will commence on Friday 5th November. There is further information in the front of the homework books.

You may support your child in tasks but please ensure that if they are struggling at any time, they know that they can ask either of us for help.



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Homework Club

Mrs Dilleigh has started a homework club for English homework and reading as well as opportunities for support. This takes place on Monday lunchtimes.

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 continue to do PE on a **Monday and Thursday**.

Dates for the diary:

3rd November – M and M theatre production of 'Beauty and the Beast'

5th November – Individual photographs.

W.C. 16th November – Parent consultations (details to follow)

6th December – Cathedral visit (details to follow)

10th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Flu immunisations

22nd December – Reading challenge party and last day of term

10th January – 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

