

Autumn Term

Beech class

Class Welcome

What a busy and fun first term Beech class have had! We have enjoyed celebrating Children in Need, Remembrance Day and Halloween, along with the Halloween disco! Not only this, but we hosted a very successful Come Learn with me session for the first time, where we read a sensory story. It was a lovely insight for parents to have an insight into pupil learning, and the classroom environment! We also enjoyed a visit from the Travelling Librarian, where she read us a story about superheroes and fighting the monsters and their feelings, and at the end of the story, we became superheroes too!



Communication and interaction

During English, we have been reading 'The Colour Monster', as part of our topic of 'Feelings'. We enjoyed making and looking at the different coloured sensory bottles that corresponds to each feeling, along with some artwork too, where we enjoyed painting a different feeling each week.

During some of our community visits this term, we have visited the local library and taken the time to choose books to read with an adult and together as a class. It has been lovely watching the children deliberate over covers and consider what book they most want to read.



Cognition and Learning

In Maths this term, we have been focusing on number and shape. We have used song and sensory stimulus to help us learn about numbers from 1-10. Beech class have really enjoyed the songs we have used to help us count and often clap along or bob their heads.

For shape, we have looked at basic 2D and 3D shapes. We have discussed their properties and described what makes them unique, i.e. a triangle has 3 pointy corners, a sphere is smooth. In class we used this knowledge to help Santa and the Elves sort the shapes before Christmas! Everyone has done such a great job in posting the right shapes.



Independence, social and emotional development

In Beech class, pupils have been developing different skills this term in food tech. For example, we have been spreading butter, jam or honey to make sandwiches, chopping vegetables to make a pasta salad, and mixing our ingredients together when making scones! We enjoyed using our senses to smell, touch and taste the ingredients too!

Another highlight this term has been our community visits to the park, the local pond and to the town, where we have had a look at the bright Christmas lights, along visited the local library to read some books. We all had a lovely time!



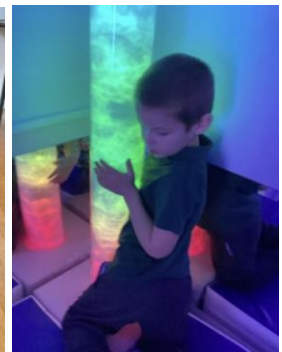
Physical and Sensory

This term, we have enjoyed many physical and sensory sessions through sensory play, PE, Swimming and TACPAC.

In swimming, we have been continuing to work on our water confidence with Victoria. We have focused on swimming on our front, back, kicking our legs, and blowing bubbles into the water. We have made some excellent progress on this too!

In PE, we have been working on gross motor skills such as balancing, throwing, catching and some of us even enjoyed using the balance bikes too!

This term, we have really enjoyed exploring the new sensory circuit and the sensory room. Our favourite is the mirrors and sensory tube!



Special news and upcoming events

Wednesday 17th December- Lower School merit assembly at 1.45pm

Wednesday 17th December- Christmas Grotto

Friday 19th December- Harlow Brass Band

End of Term – Friday 19th December (Transport departs at 1.20pm, Walkers depart at 1.30pm)

Tuesday 6th January- Start of term

In the Spring term, our topic is 'David Walliams', our focuses for this topic will vary from humour to animals, essentially, anything David Walliams.

Just a reminder that as the weather is getting colder, can we have waterproofs and wellies, if we do not have already, thank you!

On behalf of the whole Beech class team, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year!

From the Beech class team

Charlotte, Georgia, Chloe, Siobhan, Jools and Sarah

