

Beech Class – Lower School

Notable News

What a fantastic year we've had in Beech class! It's been a busy term!

We commemorated the 80th anniversary of VE day by making bunting in red, white and blue for our classroom and joined in with a VE Day parade on the playground. We also made jam sandwiches in our food tech session and enjoyed eating these together as a class on the day of the celebrations.

We have had a busy last few weeks of term: we had Sports Day where the pupils participated in activities around lower school. We also had Cultural Capital Week, Harlow Brass band and our annual trip to Hertfordshire Zoo! Beech class were amazing and had so much fun!



Communication

In our English lessons this term we focused on the story 'We all go travelling by' and 'Eddie the explorer'. We explored different modes of transport and different areas in the U.K. We have looked at Scotland, Wales, The Lake District and London. In our topic 'We all go travelling by', we explored the different sounds that modes of transport make, and the pupils really enjoyed pressing the big mac buttons!

Pupils still enjoy our weekly visit to the school library; they like choosing a story to share with an adult. We have also been lucky to welcome the travelling librarian into Beech class several times this year and each time the pupils thoroughly enjoy participating in the sensory story.



Cognition

In Maths we have been consolidating our understanding of number and have used a sensory dice to count up to 6. We count the number of dots and trace the number with our fingers. The pupils really enjoy listening to corresponding number songs.

In Science we have been learning about our 5 senses and exploring how we use these and how it benefits us. The children have particularly enjoyed exploring our sense of touch.

In Art we have used different materials to create collages and have used toy vehicles to mark make. The pupils really enjoyed moving toy cars in paint and onto paper, watching the patterns they left behind.



Life Skills and Personal Development

In Food Technology we have made a selection of delicious foods and dishes, including salads and sandwiches. Over the course of the year, pupils have practised using a range of equipment to cut, mix, pour and measure; hopefully these skills can be utilised at home too!

In PSHE we have looked at mindfulness and this has tied in with our Reflexology and TAC PAC sessions, where the pupils enter a state of stillness and focus on particular parts of the body to apply pressure or touch to.

In P.E. we have been exploring the different equipment that help to develop our gross motor skills. This has included balancing on the benches, catching different sports balls and using the balance bikes. Swimming sessions are the highlight of the week for Beech class! Pupils have worked with Victoria to develop their confidence in the water. They have practised kicking their legs and moving their arms in a digging motion to move through the pool. They have also worked on their star float on their front and back. Each and every pupil has made such great progress.



Upcoming Events

Key dates are detailed below, but please continue to check the school website for any changes or new events.

- Monday 1st September – Inset day (no school)
- Tuesday 2nd September – Back to school

Thank you to all our Beech class pupils for a wonderful year. You've all worked extremely hard and we're very proud of all you have achieved.

We are saddened to say goodbye to a few of our pupils this term as they move on to their new adventures. You have all been incredible and we are confident that you will each continue to thrive. We will miss you lots but hope to see you around.

Have a lovely summer break 😊

From the Beech class team

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