



Beech Newsletter

In **English** this half term we look at a selection of books linked to our unit **mixing primary colours**. We will look at **Mix it up, Matisse's magical trail** and think about harvest with **Little Red Hen**. Using these texts we will think about the characters and their feelings. We will also retell the stories using drama, sequencing the pictures and then write captions to show colours and list ingredients.



In **Maths** this half term we will continue to work using the White Rose maths scheme. We will also use numberblocks in some lessons which is a fab resource and something you can watch at home too! Our maths topics will include match sort and compare, talk about measure and patterns, It's me 123, circles and triangles, 12345, Shapes with 4 sides

In **Phonics Reception** will follow Little Wandle Letters and Sounds to learn phase 2 digraphs. A review sheet will be sent home each week to consolidate this. **Nursery** children will focus on oral blending.

Reading

We follow Little Wandle Letters and Sounds phonics programme. In Nursery the children will play pre-phonics sound games and begin their school journey to a love of reading and hearing stories.

Reception children start to learn single letter sounds and quickly begin reading simple words. There will be sheets sent home at the end of each week so you know the sounds your child has been learning. Books will be sent home from week 4. Please do not panic that these do not have words in them. Please see the Phonics Evening for Reception parents where you can find out more about how the programme progress and ask any questions.

Homework

Homework will be sent out as a challenge sheet for the children to pick from throughout the ½ term. A phonics review sheet will be sent home on a Friday. Any comments can be shared via the learning journal.

Harvest

We will be learning about Harvest as a celebration. We will look at how it is celebrated and why. We will be baking bread and learning songs.

Geography

In geography we will be looking at exploring our school and mapping what we can see. We will use our map to hunt out what is hiding and consolidate our understanding by using positional language to go on a bear hunt.

Art and Design

We will be developing our skills in a variety of ways. We will be focussing on colour and colour mixing to show both primary and secondary colours. We will explore ways to make the colours lighter and darker.

Science

We will be studying seasonal changes by exploring the environment around the school over time. We will look at how animals hibernate and migrate when autumn comes and what we can do to support the birds in our area that don't migrate.

PHSCE

We will be using our Jigsaw scheme to teach PHSCE with a focus on being me in my world. We will teach nursery and reception in separate group for this.

RE

In RE this half term the children will be studying Diwali, special stories and special times of the year and will link to a variety of religions.

History

We will look at changes over time and link this to stories we have heard in order to make comparisons between present and past.

PE

PE sessions are on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please send your child in PE kit on this day. Children will work to complete these sessions focussing on their "all about me" topic.



Phonics Evening for Reception children's parents:

We are holding an information evening on how we teach phonics and how you can help your child at home.

This is on:

Wednesday 20th September at 5.30pm.