

# Beech Class - Curriculum Web - Terms 5 & 6 2024

## Meet the Greeks!

How have our lives today been influenced by the Ancient Greeks?

As part of their History learning in Term 6, Beech Class will be 'meeting the Greeks!' We will be learning how Ancient Greeks influenced us today, what they believed, Greek philosophers and more! As part of our unit, we will have a fun Ancient Greek day – more details to follow soon.



### Spelling:

Please continue to practice spellings, along with using joined handwriting. Please support by helping your child to learn their homework spelling patterns. Ensure children practise these more than ones a week. Please encourage your children to use spelling shed as part of their spelling homework every week.

### Reading:

Continue to share and read stories with your child, recording this in their reading journals. Children should be reading 4 times a week for twenty minutes and be discussing the book and asking questions. This is key to help them with their comprehension and inference.

In Term 5, we will be learning about fractions.

Term 6, we will be focus on, time, money, shape and mass and capacity.

Any chance to practise number with your child has huge benefits. Play number bond games with a deck of cards (children add or multiply 2 cards they pick), sing songs to help learn times tables or play board games with a number focus.

Please continue to use Times tables Rock Stars and Numbots to help secure your child's fluency in number. By the end of year 3, children should be confident in their 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 times tables. (4 and 8 are quite new so will likely need lots of practice at home!)

In English our writing in Term 5 and 6 will be based on our class texts:

- The Mysteries Of Harris Burdick by Chris Van Allsberg
- How to live forever By Colin Thompson
- Jim- a Cautionary Tale by Hilaire, Belloc and Mini Grey
- The legend of Sally Jones By Jakob Wegelius

Beech Class will write persuasive letters, diary entries, reports, and narratives of their own.

Our class novels are:

- The boy at the back of the class By Onjali Q Rauf
- The secret of Platform 13 By Eva Ibbotson
- The boy who biked the world By Alistair Humphreys

### Other subjects

P.E. Delivered by Mrs Wilson on Tuesday morning

**Swimming:** During Terms 5 and 6, Beech Class will be going to Backwell swimming pool for swimming lessons on a Monday. Please keep an eye out for a letter with more information.

**DT:** During Term 5, Beech Class will create their own moving storybook for DT.

**Computing:** children will be learning about technology in our lives and learn word processing and keyboard skills.

French

**Science:** In Terms 5 & 6, Beech class will be learning about Plants, with opportunities to grow their own plants and get gardening!

**Geography:** Term 5, Beech will be learning about 'Volcanoes and Earthquakes' and 'water, weather and climate'. Children will learn geographical skills of interpreting and presenting information from graphs, charts and diagrams.

**PHSE:** In Term 5, children will be learning about 'Relationships' and in Term 6 'Changing me'. Children will take part in circle time discussions and activities. If you wish to discuss the content of these units, please do contact Team Beech. Please see the letter that will be sent out in Term 5 for more information.

**RE:** In Term 5, Beech Class will be learning about Hinduism and answering the question 'How can Brahman be everywhere and everything?' Term 6, Beech Class will continue to learn about Hinduism, answering the question 'Would the River Ganges feel special to a non-Hindu?'

**Welcome Mrs Wilson to Beech Class! Mrs Wilson will be in Team Beech for the rest of the year. Mrs Wilson will be teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays. Mrs Sheahan will be teaching Thursdays and Fridays and in every other Wednesday for a planning day.**

**Home learning:**

Spelling check will be on a Friday. We have lessons on the spellings during the week and then have a challenge workshop on Fridays including the words in sentences. Please complete your summer term weekly maths activities- one page per week to be handed in at the end of July.

**Parent communication:**

Please check the whiteboard outside the classroom for any messages. Messages will also be sent via parentmail. We put pictures up of our learning onto the Beech Class page on our school website, we'll always let you know when there's a new upload on the noticeboard, but be sure to check it out!

**Clothing:**

We are heading into the summer term with sunnier, warmer days! We will aim to take our learning outside as much as possible so please make sure children have brought in a water bottle, a sun hat and have applied sun cream before coming to school.

**Geography learning from last term**

In term 4, we were so busy rehearsing for our brilliant performance, that we decided to move our Geography unit about Earthquakes and volcanoes to this term. We will have a big geography focus this term with lots of amazing learning about our Planet Earth.

**Swimming**

We will be going swimming on Mondays during terms 5 and 6. Please make sure that your child has swimming kit with them including swimsuit, towel, goggles if needed, a plastic bag for wet things and a healthy snack. We will leave school at 1:10pm and return around 3pm. Many thanks to the parents who have been able to volunteer their help!