



Curriculum Overview

An overview of what children will be learning in Beech Class

Autumn 1 2023

English

In phonics, we continue to use the Read, Write, Inc phonic programme and the children have been assessed and allocated to a phonic group.

Alongside RWI, we follow the Literacy Tree programme which is a book-based thematic approach placing children's literature at its core. This term, we will be studying The Fox and the Star and the Naughty Bus amongst other stories.

Y1 will focus on writing simple sentences, saying a sentence out loud before writing it down, putting sentences into the right order to tell a short story and re-reading what has been written to check that it makes sense.

Every day, we have a dedicated story time in which we share a rich and varied collection of fiction and non-fiction literature.

PE

In PE this term, we are focusing on fundamental skills such as balancing, jumping, hopping, landing, skipping and how to control these when changing speeds and apply them to various challenges. The children will also be developing their ball skills and hand-eye co-ordination.

RE

Beech Class will be thinking about what it means to belong to a community and to a faith community. We will look at different groups that we belong to such as our families, clubs, and the Chagford school community. We will learn about Baptism and what this means for Christians and other faiths.

Maths

In Maths we are following White Rose Maths: this term we are working on Place Value, as well as Addition and Subtraction. We will be working with numbers within 10, recognising, writing and ordering numbers, comparing numbers, counting on, grouping objects and using a number line and writing the number in words. Our Maths lessons include lots of work with manipulatives and images to help children visualise numbers and the number system. We will be drawing out explanations and reasoning about number through problem solving. The children will work in pairs with their learning partner, as well as working in groups and in whole class work on the carpet.

It would be really helpful if children could practice counting forwards and backwards at home in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s.

Science

Our topic for Autumn 1, is Materials. Some of the questions we will be considering are:

What is a material?

What are objects made from?

How can I describe a material?

Which materials float and sink?

Which materials are waterproof?

Are some materials magnetic?