

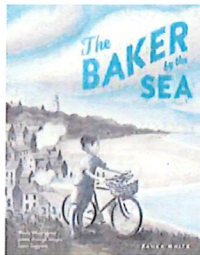
Beside the Seaside

Welcome to Beech Team! To those joining us from Willow and other schools and welcome back to all those returning. I hope you have had a lovely summer and ready to be back and learning. Our first topic this year, is 'Beside the Seaside' in which we will be learning the differences between rivers and seas as well exploring beachside cuisine.

English

In English, we are starting our writing journey using 'Baker by the Sea' by Paula White. A story all about a small seaside village and the importance of a community supporting each other.

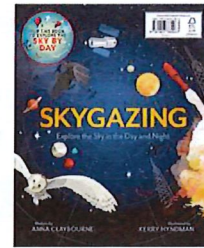
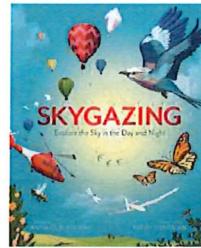
The children will be learning about non-chronological reports focusing on travel brochures using the book and their trip as inspiration.



Guided Reading

For Guided Reading, we will be using a gorgeous book called 'Skygazing' by Anna Claybourne. Skygazing teaches all about the sky at both daytime and nighttime including stars, clouds and birds.

Through 'Skygazing' the children will begin to develop their use of retrieval and understanding of context to support meaning.



Maths

We begin our maths learning about place value which includes how to represent, compare and order numbers. We will also begin looking at our times tables beginning to practice and increase our fluency in recalling the times tables. Every child has their own 'Times Tables Rockstars' account which they can use to practice their times tables.

Flourish

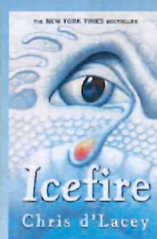
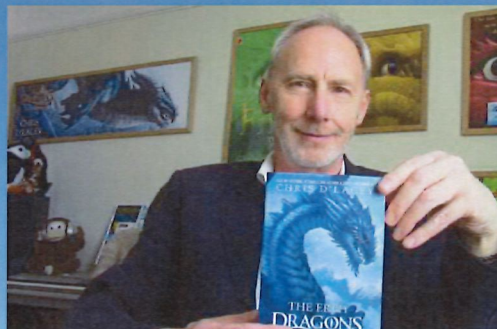
Together, Beech Team will be creating a beachside café for their flourish this half term. During our beach trip, we will be exploring a range of restaurants and cafés near East Wittering Beach. After reviewing the local cuisine, Beech will then create their own café serving a range of savoury and sweet options to the other classes of Singleton Primary School.

Author Study

This half term we will be exploring the author:

Chris D'Lacey

In class, we have already started one of our authors books – The Fire Within. During the next two weeks, the children will be learning all about Chris D'Lacey and using his descriptive writing to create dragons from his book series.



Religious Education

In RE, this term the children will be exploring their big question from a Christian point of view. The question is:

'Why do Christians believe they are 'people on a mission'?

Reminders:

- Beech have PE on a **Wednesday and Friday**. On both days, your child will need to come into school in PE kit.
- Please ensure that your child has a coat and a pair of wellies at school every day.
- Children are allowed to wear watches to school but please ensure there is no other jewellery coming into school.
- Any questions or concerns, please email: beech@singleton.school

Home Learning

Spellings

Everyday your child will be coming home with their Key Skills Homework books. These will have weekly spellings for the children to practice. To support in their retention of spellings, we encourage children to practice throughout the week at home.

Times Tables

For Year 4, this year they will taking part in a Multiplication Times Check where they get tested on their times tables up to 12x. We will be practicing their times tables within school but ask that the children also practice at home to ensure they are building their fluency.

Home Learning Grid

Home learning grids have been stuck into homework books this week. The expectation is that Beech children complete at least **two** tasks from the home learning grid. These need to be brought in by the date listed below ready for the homework share. I will be offering two lunch time 'Home Learning Clubs' to support any children who want to do their home learning at school.

Home learning will be due on:

Friday 17th October