

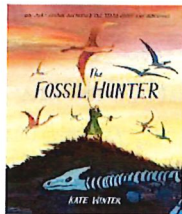
The Rule of the Romans

I hope you all had a restful holiday and looking forward to some warmer weather! This half term we are travelling back in time to learn about the Roman invasion of Britain. The children will be learning about how the Roman Empire impacted Britain and what it was like to be a Roman soldier. In Design and Technology, the children will be creating catapults learning about the science of forces and how to build strong models.

Guided Reading

For Guided Reading this half term, we will be exploring the life of Mary Anning through a non-fiction book called 'The Fossil Hunter' by Kate Winter.

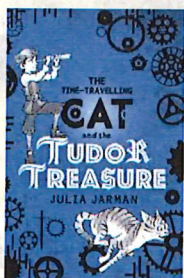
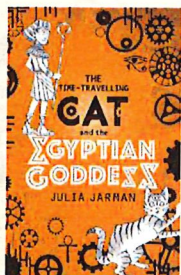
As a class, we will retrieve factual clues from the text and develop our inference skills to understand her motivation.



English

Our next writing journey will be to explore diaries. The children will begin by analysing a model text to find the grammatical and structural features of a diary entry.

We will then use the book 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill as a stimulus to write our own diary entry based on one of Shackleton's crew members.

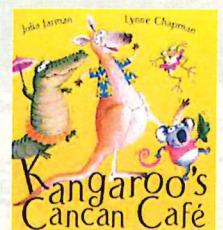
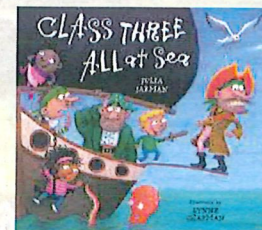


Author Study

This half term we are looking at the author:

Julia Jarman

Julia writes a range of books including about a cat name 'Ka' who can travel back in time. We will be reading her books, and the children will complete response tasks for each book we complete.



Maths

This half term the children are learning:
Fractions



We will be exploring unit and non-unit fractions learning rules to be able to identify the largest and smallest fractions, as well as how to add and subtract fractions.

Flourish

This half term, Beech Class will be creating their own version of Horrible Histories retelling the key events of the Roman invasion of Britain. Working in groups, they will plan out their script and scenes before recording their episode.

Religious Education

In RE, Beech will be learning from a Christian viewpoint to learn all about:

'When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?'

Home Learning Expectations:

Key Skills

Throughout the week, your child should be completing spelling and reading practice to support in class learning.

- For spellings, I will be sending home the previous week's spelling list to practice. This is to encourage children to continue practicing their previous spellings.
- Each Friday, we will now be going up to the library where the children can choose a new book to take home. This will be a 'reading for pleasure' choice and can be read at home during the evenings.
- As we draw closer to the Times Tables Check, Year 4 need to be continuing to practice their times tables at home. This can be using their Times Tables Rockstars account or through written practice methods. It is also useful for Year 3's to be practicing to support them in their maths learning at school and ahead of next year.

Homework Grid

This week, your child will have also come home with their 'Home Learning' books with the new homework grid glued in. A reminder that the expectation is that **at least 2 boxes** are completed. The return date for this home learning is:

Friday 15th May

Reminders

Tuesday – Forest Schools

Thursday – PE kit

Although we are moving into the summer term, it is still important for your child to bring in their waterproof coats and wellies for those summer showers!

We have a class email address that can be used to share any information or questions:

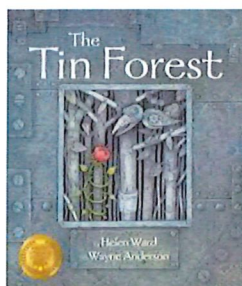
beech@singleton.school

Bodyworks

Welcome back and a Happy New Year!! I hope you all had a lovely break and are ready for an exciting and busy half term. This half term, we are learning all about the human body - exploring how our body protects and supports us as well as learning the digestive system! Alongside this, in History we will be looking at how medicine has developed going back to find out about early medicine practices and how medicine has changed.

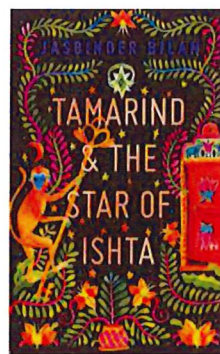
English

For this half term, we will be exploring persuasive letters using the book 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward as inspiration. The children will explore how to present their points with detail to argue their viewpoints, writing a letter to our local council on how to recycle materials effectively.



Guided Reading

For Guided Reading, we will be reading 'Tamarind and the Star of Ishta' by Jasbinder Bilan. In our response books, we will be developing our inference skills and how to justify our opinions using the text to support us.



Maths

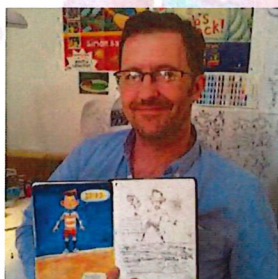
This half term, Beech Team are starting a new unit of learning – Multiplication and Division. We will begin by looking at our times tables including the 3-, 6- and 9-times tables! We will then be moving on to learn how to multiply to larger numbers together and divide two numbers.

Author Study

Our author this half term is:

Simon Bartram

Simon writes a range of picture books and poems which he illustrates himself. Throughout the half term, we will be exploring his books, and the children will spend time responding making their own summary t-shirts.



Flourish

For this half term, every child in Beech class will be completing their OSCE's (Objective Structured Clinical Examination) to officially become qualified in the history of medicine. They will be presented with a patient who has a medical issue and asked to provide a diagnosis plus a treatment plan. The twist is that their treatment must be accurate to a historical time period.

Reminders

Tuesday – PE
Wednesday and Thursday – Clubs
Friday – Swimming

Please can children bring their towel and goggles in a swim bag every Friday.

Religious Education

In RE, Beech will be looking the religion Sikhism this half term. We will be exploring a new big question:

'How do Sikhs put their beliefs about equality into practice?'

Home Learning

Key Skills

For Beech Team, the expectation is that all children complete reading and spelling practice throughout the week. Each week, your child will come home with a new list of spelling words that are being taught during the week – these are found in their 'Key Skills Homework' books. Completing 5 – 10 minutes of practice each evening, supports your child in retaining the spelling rule and transferring this into their English and topic writing.

As well as spellings, it is also important that your child is reading during the evenings. Each child will come home with a book chosen with myself at school and a book of their own choosing. We will be going to the library where each child has a choice of choosing a book which can be taken home to be enjoyed.

Home Learning Grid

This week, your child will have also come home with their 'Home Learning' books with the new homework grid glued in. A reminder that the expectation is that **at least 2 boxes** are completed. The return date for this home learning is below:

Home learning will be due on:

Friday 6th February

If your child would like support with their home learning, I will be providing two Home Learning Clubs at lunchtime:

Monday 12th January

Monday 2nd February