

Home Learning

Home learning this year will be set on a variety of platforms, including:

- Curriculum visions
- CUSP spelling (set on Fridays)
- Times tables

Reading still continues to be the most important element of our home learning. Please aim to read every day with your child

Focus on spellings at home makes a huge difference. Keep the practice short, regular and most importantly, fun!

Look out for the weekly spelling homework set on Fridays, to earn house points!

Dates for the diary

Word Guerrilla poetry workshops -
Thursday 27th February

Book fair - Mon 3rd, Tues 4th, Wed 5th
March 3.30-4.45pm

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March.

Roman Workshop -Wednesday 2nd April

For **Weeks 1 & 2** we will continue to swim on **Friday mornings**.

In week 3 PE will take place on **Thursday 13th March**.

For weeks 4, 5 & 6 PE will take place on **Mondays**.

Beech Class

Term 4

English

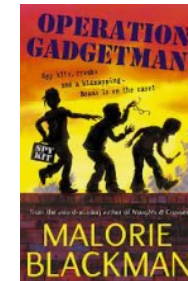
Year 3 and 4 children will be using a range of skills to develop their reading comprehension this term. These include retrieval, inference, summarising, and comparing skills, as well as learning to recognise authorial intent, understanding themes and making personal responses. The text the children will be studying is *Operation Gadgetman* by Malorie Blackman, as well as a range of fictional and non-fictional texts and sources.

Year 3 and 4 and children will be writing in a range of genres, including first-person narrative descriptions and advanced instructional writing, as well as exploring performance poetry.

The class will be revisiting different word types, as well as learning to use fronted adverbials and technical vocabulary. Learning will also include presentation and organisational devices in texts such as paragraphs, as well as commas in lists, pronouns and conjunctions. At the end of each unit, the children will have the opportunity to write an extended piece of independent writing, we are encouraging the children to edit their own work and help each other in the editing process.

Throughout the term, the children will be practising their handwriting and spellings multiple times a week.

Our class texts



Mathematics

Year 3 and 4 will continue working on fractions, which will include ordering, comparing, adding and subtracting, and finding equivalent fractions.

The whole class will work on their knowledge and recall of times tables up to 12x12. There will be times tables tests this term, under timed conditions, leading up to the times tables test Year Four will be taking in Term 5.

The class will study length and perimeter, mass and capacity.

For each mathematical topic, children will use their knowledge and reasoning skills to solve a range of practical problems.

Science

In science this term, we will be studying Plants. We will be looking at the parts of a flowering plant and what they do, how leaves make food for the plant and investigating how water moves through a plant.

Computing

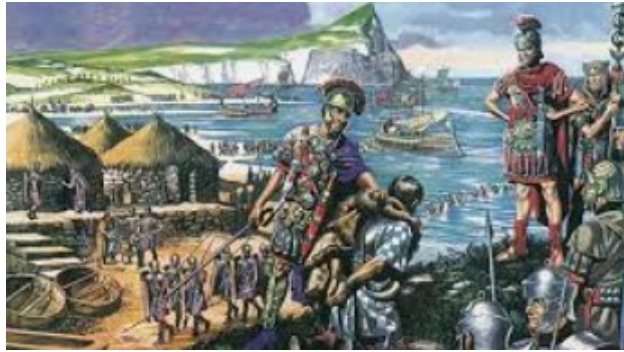
Podcasts is our focus for this term and the children will be using the chrome books to plan their own podcast content.

History

Following our studies in the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages, Year 3 and 4 will be learning about the invasion of the Romans and the impact they had on Britain. This will include the impact on civilisation, technology, culture and power.

RE

Year 3 and 4 will be learning about Salvation, finding answers to the question, 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday?'



PSHE

The class will continue to learn about safety and the changing body. This will include learning about privacy and secrecy, and choices and influences. Year 3 will then focus on First Aid and Road safety whilst Year 4 learn about the growing body.

Art

Art this term focuses on 3D art. We will be exploring relief work, sculptures and installations. The children will combine form and texture to build relief images and then create 3D insects, taking inspiration from Louise Bourgeois.

Music

Year 3 and 4 will be studying *The Dragon Song* this term. We will continue recorder lessons which will now take place on Wednesday afternoons.

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

Year 3 and 4 will be learning about food, words to describe food, and how to talk about what you do and don't like to eat. We will begin to think about how to ask for food in a shop or restaurant.

PE

Swimming will continue for the first two weeks of this term on Friday mornings. From week 3 we will be practising our ball skills, developing their dribbling, throwing, catching and kicking skills.

Geography

Year 3 and 4 will be continuing the UK geographical study this term. This includes investigating the cities, regions and counties of the UK, the human and physical features and landmarks of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and the topological patterns of the UK.

DT

This term, children will explore the nutritional value of food and its effect on our physical and mental health. They will practise methods for preparing a range of vegetables and apply these skills to create different dishes. They will also learn how to change the texture and flavour of food by roasting and adding herbs and spices.