

January 2018

Beech Class Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing Christmas and a happy New Year!

We have a very exciting term ahead of us, first and foremost with our new topic, The American Dream. We will be learning about America, focusing on New York and Route 66. We will be learning about Geography, History, Art and DT through The American Dream this term, until Easter.

- If possible, could you provide your child with an apron or old t-shirt and with some newspaper to help keep their uniform and the tables clean during art and DT lessons.

In Maths we will be focusing on place value, as well as further developing our knowledge of the four operations, decimals, fractions and percentages.

In Literacy we will be focusing on one text per half term, covering different genres of writing based upon the text. Where possible, our topic of The American Dream will also be linked to Maths and Literacy. Our Science topic this term is All Living Things, during which we will be learning through practical activities and investigations.

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday to be handed in on a Wednesday. Children will receive times table practice and a list of appropriate/ required spellings will be made available. Maths and Literacy work will be set on alternating weeks, one week the children will receive maths work linked to what we are doing in class, and the following they will receive a literacy-based task.

In Religious Education (RE) we will be following the Kent Agreed Syllabus (KAS) which incorporates the new resource "Understanding Christianity". Each unit has a key question which is developed over a school term. Key questions are also being developed for other faiths that are part of the KAS.

In Terms 3 and 4 our key questions to explore are:

What kind of world did Jesus want?

Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?

PE days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays, please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school; I will encourage the children to bring these home periodically for washing during the term.

I look forward to working with you throughout the rest of the year; please make an appointment to meet with me if you have any concerns regarding your child.

Kind regards,

Mr Kent

Beech Class Teacher