

April 2018

## **Beech Class Newsletter**

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome back, I hope you had an enjoyable Easter break!

We have a very exciting term ahead of us, first and foremost with our new topic, The Wonders of The World. We will be learning about the history and geography of various ancient, modern and natural wonders of the world. We will also be learning Art and DT through our topic up until the Summer. 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 fractions, percentages, shape and time as well as developing reasoning.

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 Wonders of the World will also be linked to Maths and Literacy. Our Science topic this term is Earth and Space, 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 5 and 6 our key questions to explore are:

Term 5 focus: HINDUISM

What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?

Term 6 focus: HINDUISM/CHRISTIANITY/JUDAISM

Why do some people think that life is a journey and what significant experiences mark this?

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. As the weather improves and temperatures rise, I encourage your child to bring a cap and sun cream for extra protection.

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