

# Beech Class Newsletter

Wow, what a busy term it has been! We have been incredibly proud of Beech class for all of their hard work and enthusiasm this term! We started the term creating a poem as a class and artwork to go alongside it, this was inspired by Michael Morpurgo's 'Song of Gladness'. The children were still excited about his visit from the previous term and had lots of wonderful ideas, we were very impressed with the poem they created, and their artwork has brightened up the school corridor beautifully! Have a wonderful half term – see you all on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Best wishes, Mrs Jacobs, Mrs Calder and Mrs Mitchell

## P.E.

The children have really impressed us with their Netball and Gymnastic skills! They are very enthusiastic and extremely competitive. We have enjoyed getting the gym equipment out, especially the wall bars.

Next term we will be playing hockey on a Monday and cricket with a coach on Friday.

Thank you for your support with the children reading at home, we have been getting 100% most weeks which has meant we have been wearing our clothes for one day a week! We will continue with this incentive next term, please continue to encourage reading at home, it really ignites the children's imaginations, helping them in all subjects!

We will continue to set weekly spellings, with a test every Thursday. The children can continue practising on Spelling Shed, and are welcome to use an iPad in school to do so.

Don't forget to practise TTRS as often as you can at home too.

## This term

Beech Class have really enjoyed reading 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce this term, our literacy lessons involved comparing this text to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, with the children creating their own narrative for the winner announcements!

Our focus in maths has been on multiplying and division. During Practical Maths week the children got to use these skills to create a Chinese New Year Buffet and to plan and design a bedroom.

In science we have been looking at the topic Earth and Space, and it this was wonderful to see how engaged and enthusiastic the children were. The children acted out part of the solar system, drew the different phases of the moon, analysed data and much more! We watched live footage of astronauts working in space, explored the scale of space, researched some of the wonderful people who have influenced the topic and read about NASA new mission to the moon!

The children have been finding out about the fascinating Maya during history, adding work to their handmade Mayan books.

In art we have been looking at kinetic sculptures by Yaacov Agam, the children were fascinated by the wonderful effects he created and made their own piece of art!

## Next Term

Science – we will be learning about 'Living things and their habitats'

Literacy- The Explorer is our exciting new text, we will be looking at the meaning of words and language, personification and sentence structures.

Maths – we will be continuing to learn about fractions, decimals and percentages.

Geography – the class will be comparing Europe, South America and Cornwall.