

## PE

The children are going to be participating in a range of sports, this term that includes Lacrosse, floor ball, gym and Tag Ruby; with a view some of the children being chosen to participate in a rugby tournament! The other sessions of PE will be taught by Mrs Farries.

Children need to have their PE kit in school all week

## Maths

Throughout the term, children will cover a range of areas, in line with the National Curriculum. This will include number and place value with negative numbers and Roman Numerals; the four operations improving mental strategies and more formal methods with larger numbers. This is taught using a range of teaching methods and games. Maths in Beech is designed to incorporate practical based learning as well as reasoning, where children learn to 'think about thinking' and explain their own mathematical reasoning.

## English

In line with the National Curriculum, children will learn reading, writing, grammar and spelling skills. Children participate in Guided Reading, explicit grammar lessons and spelling lessons. During the first half term we will be using a beautiful picture book called North. This is based upon the migration of Animals to the Arctic for summer. Children will create different forms of writing, particularly focusing on persuasive and information texts. In Autumn 2 we will be story writing based upon World War Two and the book Letters from the Lighthouse based in that time. We will be including the forms of informal letter writing, extended narrative and poetry.



# Beech Class Autumn 2017



Welcome to the start of another year! If you have any queries, feel free to pop in and see me.

Kind regards, Mrs Farries

## Health and Citizenship

At Vernham Dean, our Health and citizenship curriculum is centred on three areas: relationships, healthy lifestyle and living in the wider world. This term we will be learning about:

### Relationships Stand up Stand out:

During this unit we will be developing and valuing our own self-worth. Also we will be finding out how to recognise verbal and non-verbal peer-pressure, along with developing the skills needed to resist that pressure.

### Living in the Wider World - PGL residential Money for Life

The children will be going off to the PGL residential in October. This will cover a part of this curriculum; an exciting time for all!

Money for Life allows the children to begin to understand receiving an income and paying tax. Looking at differences in standards of living & recognising the differences between spending on essential and non-essential items.

## Science

This term we will be learning about 'Earth, Sun Moon and Space' and the 'Planets'. This will include the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the Sun. The movement of the Moon around the Earth, helping to explain day and night; finally being able to describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies.

## Computing

The children regularly use computers and ipads throughout the curriculum to support their learning. Children are going to be given the opportunity to use 'Sploder' and design their own digital game using ipads. This explains the world of programming and algorithms.

## Music

We have a music programme in school that the children (and adults) love! Units are Livin' on a prayer & A New Year Carol. Children learn music skills through listening, singing, practising and game based activities.

## Creative Curriculum

During Autumn 1 we will be learning all about the Raging Rivers. We will learn about the key features of land relating to rivers and how they change over time. This will include physical features, the water cycle, land use and trade. Throughout Autumn 2 we will be discovering the life and time of the Mayan Civilisation. Children will compare and contrast a non-European society with British history. They will also develop their chronological skills; make connections and comparisons whilst answering Historical questions information. This will be helped by the use of visual sources and artefacts. The Art will be based upon both of these topics.

## RE

In Year 5 and 6 we explore religious concepts linked to Christianity or . Our R.E. focus weeks this term will be based on:  
**Concept: Submission** - Muhammad and the Qur'an  
**Concept: Interpretation** - The Christmas Mystery: why two stories?

**Example Timetable - this may be subject to change.**

This is an outline weekly timetable for Beech Class

	9.00 - 10.00	10.00 - 10.30	10.30 - 10.45	10.45 - 11.45	11.45 - 12.00	12.00 - 1.00	1.00 - 2.50			2.50 - 3.00	3.00 - 3.20
Monday	Maths	Guided Reading	Break	English	Spellings	Lunch	Creative Curriculum			Essentials	Whole school Worship
Tuesday	Maths / PE	Guided Reading	Break	English / PE	Spellings	Lunch	English / Maths	Creative curriculum	Essentials	Class Worship	
Wednesday	Maths	Guided Reading	Break	English	Spellings	Lunch	Science			Essentials	Worship
Thursday	Maths	Guided Reading	Break	English	Spellings	Lunch	Spanish	H&C	RE	Essentials	Worship
Friday	Maths	Guided Reading	Break	English	Spellings	Lunch	Computing	Music	Essentials	Celebration Worship	