

PE

The children are going to be participating in a range of sports, this term that football, cricket, netball and swimming; 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 fractions, decimals and percentages; 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 term we will learn about a range of forms in writing. We will begin by learning about eye witness accounts and then move onto an exciting Bake-Off theme! In the second half of the term we will be focusing on setting descriptions, story openings and newspaper articles.



Beech Class Spring 2018



Welcome to the start of another term! If you have any queries, feel free to pop in and see us. Kind regards, Mrs Richardson and 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:

Living in the Wider World - The Earth in our hands

'Earth in our hands' is about our carbon footprint and the effect we have on the environment. We will identify actions for reducing emissions and make decisions about offsetting our carbon footprints.

Healthy lifestyle -

This term we will have our anti-bullying day. We will also have a lesson about fire awareness and how to have a fire plan at home.

Science

This term we will be learning about Properties and Changes in materials. The children will be learning Compare and group materials, know some materials dissolve in liquid, and describe how to recover a substance. Use knowledge to decide how mixtures might be separated. Give reasons for uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic. Demonstrate dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes.

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! Children learn music skills through listening, singing, practising and game based activities.

Creative Curriculum

This term our Creative Curriculum unit is 'Lonely Planet's Guide to Continents, where we will focus on Europe, North America and South America. We will learn what the difference is between a continent, country and city and explore famous places around the world - all from our classroom! Our art work is linked to this topic and we will be learning about South American artists and creating our own art based on this work. We will compare similarities and difference between regions in each of the continents. We will also create our own travel leaflets and plan a backpacking trip around South America!

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: Laws - Easter- Jesus the lawbreaker

Concept: Resurrection - The empty cross

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	