

Year 4 expectations for Reading, Homestudy, Spellings and Times Tables.

Reading

Children are expected to read to an adult at least 5 times a week and have their reading record signed by an adult. Please could you spend a short time discussing the book with your child and asking them questions about the text. It is important that your child is able to talk about what they have read and not just be able to read the book. We also ask that 'Free Readers' practice reading aloud even if it is one or two paragraphs, to maintain their oral fluency which can aid their writing.

Homestudy

Please can you ensure that both the record sheet in the Homestudy folder and the 'Task Sheet' are signed, so that we know what homework has been completed and to what extent your child has worked independently.

Spellings

Children have a spelling test every Wednesday, which relates to the spelling focus for that week. In addition, some children have separate spellings which have already been sent home. These children are also tested on their spellings weekly. For these children, words are changed when we have sufficient evidence that the child is applying them correctly in their writing. Please ensure your child completes the 'Look Cover Write Check' sheets regularly and encourage them to use the words accurately in their written homestudy.

Times Tables

It is the current government expectation that by the end of Year 4, all children can recall times table facts up to 12x12 and related division facts, at speed. Children are tested every Wednesday and are expected to recall the facts by heart rather than using their fingers to count in multiples.

Below are some good websites/Apps to practice times tables.

Hit the Button <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Terra Times tables <http://mrthorne.com/home/terra-times-tables/>

Times Table Mountain App <http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/>

Thank you for your support. Mrs Brewer and Miss O'Neil

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Beech and Elm Class (Year 4)

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Second Half Term 2016

Take One Book



Class Teachers: Mrs Julia Brewer and Miss Emma O'Neil

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Annette Burns, Mrs Lisa Hogan, Mrs Christine McCrone

For the second half of the Autumn Term, our Creative Learning Journey will be 'Take One Book' and the book chosen by Year 4 is 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.'

We will be focussing on myths, taking our inspiration from the mythical beasts that appear in the story and specifically Greek Myths and Ancient Greece.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

RE

Advent and Christmas Around the World

PSHCE

Looking after money
Democracy and laws

Communication, Language and Literacy

Myths

Read and respond to a range of myths. Identify features of myths and investigate the characters used in them, focusing on the heroes and beasts. Create a mythical beast. Plan and write a myth.

Whole class Guided Reading

Read a range of myths e.g. Greek and Roman, newspaper articles linked to myths, Greek and Roman facts from Horrible Histories.

Begin to read 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe', focusing on characters descriptions, setting descriptions and the authors use of language.

Mathematical Development

Calculation

Multiplication and Division facts
Doubling and Halving
Partitioning
Standard written methods

Measures

Area and Perimeter of compound shapes

Take One Book!



Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Science

States of matter. Reversible and irreversible changes. Changes over time. The Water Cycle.

ICT

Programming simulations and E-Safety
Dazzle

History

Who were the Ancient Greeks?
Gather information about daily life, Greek Gods, schools, food, clothing and the army.

Physical Development

Outdoor

Greek Olympics
Tag Rugby

Indoor

Gymnastics

Creative Development

Art/DT

Designing and making Greek clay pots.
Christmas cards and Calendars

Music

Year 4 Christmas Music Festival