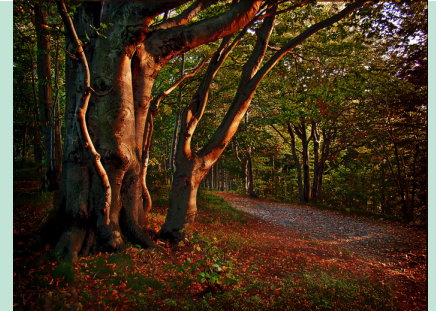


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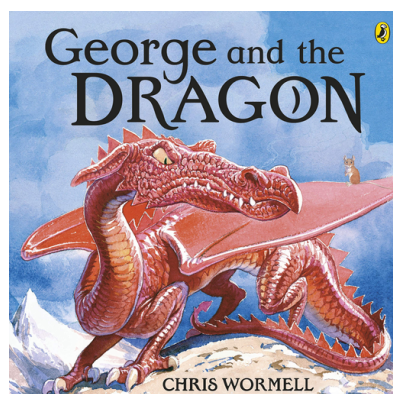


In Year 2 our geography topic this half term will be The Seaside. We will be thinking about where our seashores are and exploring the features of the seaside. Beech Class will be focusing on what seaside holidays and resorts were like in the past in comparison to the present day. We will also be looking at some seaside towns and the main British islands, in addition to some hot and cold islands in the world. Beech will be using maps and we will enhance our learning with a trip to Itchenor and West Wittering. We will conclude our topic by answering our Big Question: What can I find at the seaside?



Talk 4 Writing

In English this half term, Beech will focus on *George and the Dragon* by Chris Wormell. After learning our model text, we will all work towards writing our own beat the baddy story with a focus on character. We will finish Summer 1 with some non-fiction, where we will be writing instructions based on *How to Trap a Dragon* by Pie Corbett.



Maths

This half term we will focus on geometry by exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Year 2 will be learning about fractions and we will conclude Summer 1 by thinking about measurement, specifically time and volume.



Dates for the Diary.



15/4/24 - INSET Day
16/4/24 - First Day of Summer 1
17/4/23 - Surrey Fire Service Safety Visit
29/4/24 - Year 2 Trip to Itchenor / West Wittering
6/5/24 - Open Classrooms 2.45pm
9/5/24 - School Photos (Individual / Siblings)
21/5/24 - French Cafe 1-3pm
23/5/24 - FOSMAS Obstacle Course / Last Day of Summer 1
24/5/24 - INSET Day

Our value this half term is:
Friendship

Things to remember:

Year 2 have spent some time this week discussing how we use technology effectively and safely. Please take the time this Easter holiday to talk to your child about this and remind them of your rules around their own use of technology when at home.

- New spellings are given to the children at the end of each week to stick into their spelling books to take home and practise. The tests take place each Friday.
- After reading with your children, please put their books back into their school bags so that their current books are available for the children to read throughout the week with volunteers etc. and so that they can be returned / swapped once a week.



Beech are learning to use the **Trickbox** tricks to help with emotional management and personal development.



For more information, go to <https://trickbox.co.uk>

How to help at home...



Read with your child (20 minutes daily).

Please make sure that you login and record your child's reading daily using the Boom Reader app or online at <https://boomreader.co.uk/>. Individual login details for your child have been provided.

Encourage your child to practise their weekly spellings (10 minutes daily).

Every Friday, your child will be sent home with their spelling book in which there will be a sheet detailing ideas for practise (although we ask that your child does not practise in this book please) and the weekly spellings. We will have a test each Friday and new spellings will be written out or stuck in at the front. Please ensure your child remembers to bring their book back in for Friday each week.

Encourage your child to practise their times tables and maths (10 minutes daily).

Recall of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables is important. Children have been given access to Times Tables Rock Stars and can also use online games such as Hit the Button (Top Marks).