

'Meerkat Mail'

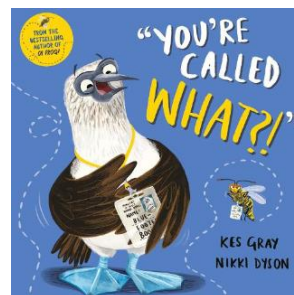
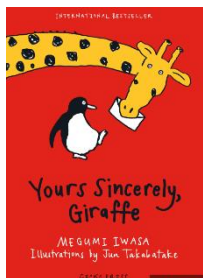
Beech Class Newsletter Term 4 2023

Dear Parents,

The children have really enjoyed term 3 and learning about the Great Fire of London. We are sure you have learnt lots from your amazing children, and we have seen some wonderful work they have chosen to complete at home and bring in to share with their peers.

Next term we will be starting our new topic 'Meerkat Mail'. We will be exploring all things to do with animals and comparing them to humans, looking further into our continents, as well as oceans, exploring spreadsheets in computing and much, much more! We will also be having 3 sessions of Forest School, so please ensure children have their forest school kit on a Thursday, these sessions will be in week 2, 3 and 6 in the term. A separate Forest School letter will come out giving you the dates in the first week of term.

Some of the key texts we will be using for our learning are:



Questions to ask at home:

Can you remember the continent song?

What ocean surrounds the UK?

What is a mammal?

Which animals can you name that are fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals?

Can you discuss differences between animals and humans?

What is a spreadsheet used for? Can you make one on your computer at home?

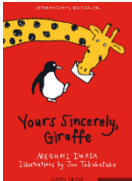

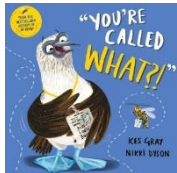






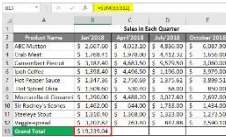




Can you recall the Easter story?

Home Learning Tasks

You could have a go at some of these at home:

- Make a map of the world using different resources – paint, playdoh, drawing, Lego
- Compare the seasons and the changes that see happening
- Make an Easter craft
- Make an animal from recyclable materials
- Measure things around your home – using a table to record your results

The learning map attached to this newsletter outlines the areas we will be learning about and some of the work we will be doing in teacher-focused activities and group work.

Literacy Information Narrative Recount				
Maths	Multiplication 	Number and place value 		Measurement 
Science	Animals 			
Geography	Continents 		Oceans 	
ICT	Spreadsheets 			
RE	Christianity 		Easter 	
Art and DT	Painting skills and artists 			
PSHE	Healthy Me 			

Home Learning

Reading	Please read at least 3 times a week and record this in your reading records. We collect the reading records in on a Friday to see which class wins the trophy and Matilda for that week!
Phonics Year 1	Children in year 1 will be sent home with a phonics homework sheet on a Monday which will share the sounds, sentences and spelling we will have covered during the previous week. The children can share their learning with you and practise the sounds/words. This form part of their 3x weekly reading sessions recorded in their home reading book. There isn't a formal spelling test in Year 1, however there are 5 words at the bottom of the sheet that they have learnt in school that week and it would be great to practise these at home too! Their phonics and spellings all fit in with Little Wandle scheme we follow at school.
Phonics / spelling Year 2	Children in Year 2 will be sent home with spellings based on the spelling curriculum rules they will have been taught during the week on a Monday , they will be tested on these on the following Monday .
Maths	Maths homework will be set on a Monday and needs to be returned on the following Monday . The children can bring it back in whenever they have finished it during that week and put it in the 'finished homework' box. The homework will either be a paper based task or practising their times tables on 'Timestables Rockstars'

Useful Websites to support learning

Purple Mash (please ask if you need a reminder of your child's login details)

<https://youtu.be/K6DSMZ8b3LE> Continent song

<https://youtu.be/Wnbo2AmS3OI> Easter story

'Free school' on YouTube for interesting videos on animals targeted for children

Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **water bottle** and their **book bag** each day.
- Please can you make sure your child's jumper has their name inside.
- The children will need to have a **coat** in school every day as the weather can be unpredictable.
- Our PE is on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**, but PE kits should be in every day as we sometimes have other active sessions throughout the week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Mackarness and Mrs Wilkinson