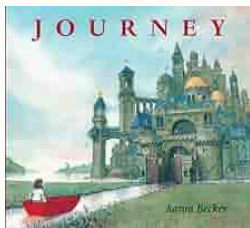


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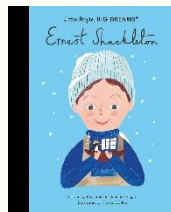
Dear Beech families,

Term 5 is all about 'What makes a Great Explorer?' We will look at some famous explorers including Ernest Shackleton and linking this to coastlines and continents. We will be making sculptures in DT using recyclable resources as well learning more about the Muslim religion, and algorithms.

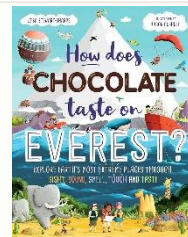
Some of the texts we will be using for our learning are:



Narrative writing



Famous Explorers



Information texts











If your child would like to explore the topic further at home they could:

- Make a sculpture from recycled materials. Maybe an explorer's ship or a famous building?
- Research an explorer... Where did they go? What did they find?
- Create an explore logo/badge
- Create an informative text for a place you have explored or a new place you have found out about

'What makes a Great Explorer' Learning Map Term 5 2025-2026

What are we learning this term?

Literacy	 Narrative writing	 Information texts	 Recounts
Maths	Money 	Statistics 	Fractions 
Science	Observe 	Habitats 	Questioning 

Geography		What do we find on the coast? Why is it changing?	
Music		Explore different periods of music	
ICT		Algorithms, programming and debugging	
PSHE		Being my best	
DT		Sculptures and recycled materials	
RE		Who is a Muslim and how do they live?	

Home Learning

Reading	<p>Please read with your child at least three times a week, even if it is just for 5 minutes. When reading with your child, please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by recording this on Boom Reader.</p> <p>During reading sessions, please discuss the story with your child and ask them questions about what they are reading. These questions will help to develop their understanding of what they are reading as comprehension and discussion are key reading skills in Year 1 and 2. Beech class will have access to the library every day and can choose a book to come home with. This could be a book to read by themselves to go alongside their phonics reading book or by an adult. Using our library promotes a love of reading and choosing books that interest them.</p> <p>The reading and phonics books will be changed on a Monday.</p>
Phonics Year 1	A weekly reading phonics sheet will come home on a Friday which shares with you the phonics and words they have covered during the week. We encourage the children to read this as well as their reading books to review the sounds and words they have read that week. These reads can also be logged on Boom reader.
Maths	For optional Maths activities, please see the termly maths sheet which will share the focus learning for the term and suggested activities you could complete with your child at home. We are encouraging the children to learn to count in 2's, 5's and 10's and to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables, year 2 have been counting in 3's and starting to learn their 3 times tables too.

Useful information and reminders:

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **water bottle** and their **reading book** each day. We use their books daily.
- Our PE days are **Wednesdays and Thursdays**.
- Please could you check that all clothing for term 5 is named including any spare clothes in their PE bags.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Mackarness and Mrs Teixeira