



Year 4 Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2: 2023

Welcome to our class newsletter!
Please find below an overview of what we will be learning this half term.

English

In English, the children will be developing their writing through writing letters and explanation texts. They will also be working on forming multi-clause sentences and on using apostrophes correctly.

The children will be learning these skills whilst exploring *Until I Met Dudley* by Roger McGough and Chris Riddell, an interesting book that links with our science work.

Reading- The children will be using their VIPERS skills to answer questions about a variety of texts to support and develop their comprehension.

Geography: Weather and Climate

In this unit the children will:

- understand what causes floods.
- learn ways that floods could be prevented.
- understand the advantages and disadvantages of heatwaves.
- understand what causes tornadoes.
- find out how to prevent damage from tornados.
- understand the impact of a drought.
- understand how Bangladesh has been affected by extreme weather.

Mathematics

At Beal Vale we use the Maths Mastery approach. Teaching for mastery is based on a belief that all children can achieve in maths. Concepts are built in small, logical steps and are explored through clear mathematical models and images.

In maths this half term we will be focusing on multiplication and division, particularly our times tables, by learning about:

- Multiples of 3
- 6 times table and division facts
- 9 times table and division facts
- 7 times table and division facts
- 11 times table and division facts
- 12 times table and division facts
- Multiplying by 1 and 0
- Dividing a number by 1 and itself

Science: Electricity

In this unit children will:

- explain ways that electricity is generated.
- identify electrical appliances and the types of electricity they use.
- identify complete and incomplete circuits.
- identify and sort materials into electrical conductors or insulators.
- explain how a switch works and why they are needed.
- participate in investigations and record results.

Remainder

PE Kits – The children do PE on Monday and Tuesday each week. They need their indoor and outdoor kits (including pumps and trainers) for these sessions.

Homework – A homework menu is sent so the children can choose which of the activities on it they will complete.

Reading – Please listen to your child read for at least 15mins a week. For ease this can be broken up in to three 5 minute sessions a week. This needs to be recorded on our online Boomreader app. Children need to bring their reading book in to school every day so that, if we ask them to read with an adult, they have their book ready. They can change their books on any day of the week, as soon as they have finished it. They should be changing their book at least once a week.

Important Dates

Friday 3rd March – World Book Day

Tuesday 28th March – Parents' Evening