

Numeracy

In Maths we will continue with our emphasis on times tables as well as cover the following areas:

Decimals - how decimals are related to fractions, how to compare, round, add and subtract decimals, also in the context of real life problems.

Negative numbers — what they are, when we use them and how to add and subtract.

Roman Numerals and where we still find them.

Measurement—how to measure mass, volume and length/ height and solve real life problems.

Statistics— collecting and representing data in different ways and learning how to interpret comparative data in the forms of bar and line graphs, as well as tables.

Shape— finding 2D shapes in 3D shapes, constructing 3D shapes out of nets and finding perimeter and area of a 2D shapes.



Literacy

Reading - The children will be increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books written by our focus author, Michael Morpurgo.

Recounts: Newspapers

Using the story of 'Robin Hood', we will recount the legendary events in the style of a newspaper. The children will do this by exploring how the news is reported, then take on the role of journalists, editors and publishers. They will also be given the opportunity to experiment with different fronted adverbials in their writing.

Biographies and Auto-biographies

We will look at the difference between Biographies and Auto-biographies, identify their common features and use these features to write own factual stories, using complex sentences.

Story writing

The children will be analyzing and imitating how Ted Hughes creates excitement and suspense using a range of sentence structures and punctuation marks.

Persuasive Writing

To support our topic on the rainforest, the children will research and discuss the devastating effects of deforestation, creating leaflets and posters to persuade our target audience.



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Curriculum Information
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Year 4
(Beech and Hazel)



ICT

ICT is linked to BCC this year. Key skills are taught, including finding information from online sources, organising data, communicating and sharing information and refining their own work using digital methods.

We will also be teaching about E -safety and ensure our children learn to use the internet in a safe and responsible way. We will be focusing on **digital media** this term.

RE

Topic: Christianity - During our RE lessons children will be learning about different Christian beliefs.

We are hoping to visit a couple of different churches in Hackney so that the children get to see what different Christian beliefs look like in practice.



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SCIENCE

Unit: Living things and their Habitats

In this unit we will identify different habitats and creatures that live in it.

We will explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment.

Alongside this, we will learn about how environments can change and how this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

Homework/ Reading/ Spelling

Homework will be given out on Fridays and will need to be returned on the following Wednesday for both classes.

In our aim to improve reading, we are asking parents to listen to their children read and encourage them to read independently for at least 20 minutes each day at home.

The children **must choose a book each week and we ask parents to comment in the reading record on how they read.** Can you make sure that children bring back their books every Friday as a designated member of staff will review their reading records on this day every week.

BCC

Topic: Saving the World (Rainforests)

During the course of this unit children will use DT and Art to explore and create different parts of a rainforest.

We will use our creations to help us explore the different layers of the rainforest and learn how to use maps to locate the position and identify the geographical features of rainforests around the world.

We will look to compare the countries in which we find rainforests and look at threats and conservation projects.

Both Year 4 Classes will be visiting Kew Gardens on Monday 26th February 2018. We welcome parents supporting our trip on the day– please come and talk to us!

Physical Education

Swimming lessons will continue for Hazel Class on Fridays and for Beech Class on Tuesdays .

P.E. is on Wednesdays for Hazel class and Fridays for Beech. The theme this half term is games.

Please make sure your children have the appropriate swimming or PE kit on the designated days. PE lessons will take place mainly inside so please ensure that your child has suitable clothing and footwear (such as T-shirt, shorts and plimsolls). Swimming is **compulsory** and part of the national curriculum; if your child cannot attend please inform their teacher every week.