



Beech Termly Newsletter

Summer 1 – 2024



Starts: 15-04-2024 Ends: 24-05-2024

Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome back to another half-term at Marlborough.
A few things reminders:

- Please ensure that your child has a labelled water bottle in school with them every day
- Please label all school uniform as it is very difficult to reunite lost items with their owners otherwise
- If you are able to, please send them with a healthy snack for break time

Our termly project will be history based: 'Vikings and Anglo-Saxons'

We will be learning about what Britain was like before the first Viking invasions, then follow the timeline through to how the invasions affected the country and the Anglo-Saxons who lived here, what life was like for Vikings living here, who Alfred the Great was and finishing with the end of the Viking and Anglo-Saxons era in Britain.

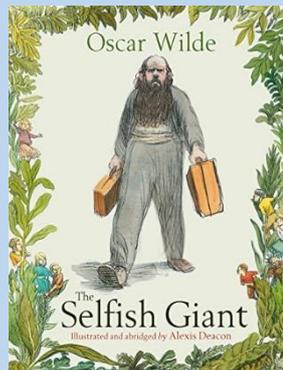


English

Our latest writing unit is based on the classic text 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde. We will be developing our skills in order to produce our own versions of the story. We will be learning about: subordination, active and passive voice, determiners, clauses and phrases and morphology in Grammar Masters sessions.

Reading Masters will continue to drive our reading lessons and we will cover a range of texts in these sessions (one per week studied in depth).

As before, we will be working on keeping our handwriting neat, joined and consistent. We will continue to practise our handwriting in school, and for our homework.



Spanish

Our next Spanish unit is all about ordering food in a cafe. We will learn the different names for items of food and drink, and how to play the role of customer and server (with associated language in full sentences).

Spanish	English	Spanish	English
un bocadillo de jamón	a ham sandwich	un café con leche	a coffee with milk
un bocadillo de queso	a cheese sandwich	un té	a tea
un pastel de limón	a lemon tart	un zumo de naranja	an orange juice
unos churros	some churros	un chocolate caliente	a hot chocolate
unos calamares	some calamari	una limonada	a lemonade
una tortilla de patatas	a Spanish omelette	una coca cola	a coca-cola
una ensalada mixta	a mixed salad		
una paella	a paella	¡Hola!	Hello!
una tarta de chocolate	a chocolate cake	¡Adiós!	Goodbye!
una crema catalana	a crème brûlée	¿Qué deseas?	What would you like?
unas gambas	some prawns	quisiera	I would like
unas croquetas	some croquettes	gracias	thank you
unas patatas bravas	some patatas bravas	por favor	please
un café	a coffee	y	and
		la cuenta	the bill

Maths

Our maths topics for this term will be – Statistics, Shape and Geometry. We will be learning to handle and create a range of graphs and charts, classify and describe the properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes and to plot and describe shapes on all four quadrants of a grid.

The year 6s will be revising like crazy as SATS are just a few weeks away – any additional support you can give your Year 6 child at home will make a positive impact – especially of there are gaps in their times tables facts.

Art

We will be looking at landscape art this half-term. Each of the lessons will explore a different aspect of landscape art: from linear and atmospheric perspective to ways to use watercolours to create effects, or tearing paper to create collages. Each session is designed to help build up the children's understanding of mediums and techniques so that by the end of they will have everything they need to create their own amazing landscape art using whichever techniques and mediums they think best suited to the purpose.



Computing

Our topic for computing will be 'Computer systems and Networks – Bletchley Park'. The children will be using simple cyphers and codes to create and decode messages and will then learn about computer encryption and the importance of keeping themselves and their data and information secure online.

Homework

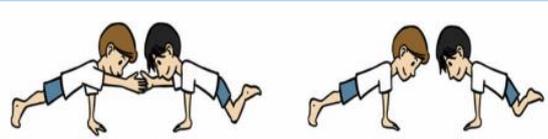
Homework will continue to be set on a Friday and collected (checked online for Year 6) the following Wednesday.

New weekly spellings will be set each Monday on Spelling Shed; 'Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check' sheets will also be handed out.

Children are encouraged to use Times Table Rock Stars and read at home as much as possible- at least three times a week is recommended.

PE

Please ensure that children come into school wearing their PE kit on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In gymnastics, we will be building on our last unit. We will be developing our partner balances and engaging core muscles for strength and stability. We will start with work on the floor, and progress to sequences on the apparatus.



DOJO and website

Try to keep an eye on Class Dojo and the school website for important dates and upcoming events. Feel free to contact us through Class Dojo or by phoning the school if you have any questions or concerns.



Year 6 SATs

The Year 6 SATs will take place on the week beginning 13th May. The schedule will be as follows:

Monday- *English paper 1: SPAG test (grammar and punctuation) – 45 minutes*

English paper 2: SPAG test (spelling) – 15-20 minutes

Tuesday- *English paper 3: Reading test – 60 minutes*

Wednesday- *Maths paper 1: arithmetic – 30 minutes*

Maths paper 2: reasoning – 40 minutes

Thursday- *Maths paper 3: reasoning – 40 minutes*

The results are typically released at the end of the summer term, which falls in July.

On the days when SATs tests are taking place, the children will be invited into school for a free breakfast. We have found that this sets them up well for the day and gives them a proper chance to settle in before the tests start. We highly encourage all Year 6 pupils to attend. During SATs week, we will try to make the children as relaxed as possible. All we ask is that they try their best- no more pressure is needed than that. If you have any questions about the tests, please contact either Miss Gray or Mr Dore.

Important dates

Summer One

15-04-2024	Start of the summer term one
16-04-2024	Tree planting with the National Trust
17-04-2024	Visit to Devonport Library
08-05-2024	Year 5 Widening Horizons trip to WADS (dental school)
13-05-2024	Start of Year 6 SATs week
20-05-2024	Year 5 Widening Horizons visit from The Royal Navy (in class)
22-05-2024	Visit to Devonport Library
24-05-2024	Last day of term
27-05-2024	Start of half-term week

Summer Two

03-06-2024	Start of summer term two
10-11-2024	Start of assessment fortnight (Year 5)
12-05-2024	Visit to Devonport Library
03-06-2024	Visit to Devonport Library
10-07-2024 or 11-07-2024	Year 6 transition day(s)
12-07-2024	End of year reports to parents
16-07-2024 and 18-07-2024	Parents evenings
17-07-2024	Year 6 leavers assembly and whole school picnic
22-07-2024	INSET day
23-07-2024	Start of summer holidays