

## Beech class weekly update 13.11.20

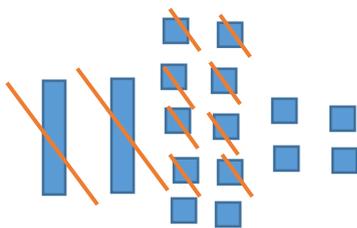
We have made a very exciting discovery in Beech class this week which has been the inspiration for our learning. We found a tunnel out on the field, we aren't sure who made it or where it might go but we have spent the week investigating tunnels to help us to find out more information.

We found out about famous tunnels from around the world including the tunnel of love in Ukraine and the channel tunnel which quite a few of us have gone through. We looked at photos and watched videos of people travelling through different tunnels, including the Bund sightseeing tunnel and the Guoliang tunnel. We wrote a list of words to describe how we would feel if we were travelling through one of these tunnels.

We drew pictures of what we thought might be at the end of our tunnel and then used this as inspiration for our big write. The children wrote fantastic descriptions taking into account each of their senses. The tunnels in their writing took them to a real variety of places including the beach, a zoo, back home, to a chocolate land and an underwater world.

We have learnt about the festival of Diwali and how this is celebrated.

In maths we have been looking at different ways of subtracting, using tens and ones, 100 squares and pictorial methods. We have also been practicing crossing ten.



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*First draw the larger number in tens and ones, if the ones number that you are subtracting is larger than the ones that you are subtracting from then draw one of the tens as ones. Then cross out each of the ones, then each of the tens.*

During forest school we used what we had learnt about tunnels so far to build our own from natural materials. Some children chose to dig a hole as the basis for their tunnel and other used twigs and sticks to create a structure above ground.

This week there are two activities on purple mash for home work and there is also the list of different activities linked to our topic on the class page of the website. Please make sure you are also supporting the children with practicing their spellings. There is fantastic app called squeeble spelling which can help with this. An adult will need to read each of the spellings into the app but once it is set up the children are able to independently practice as many times as they can throughout the week. Generally practicing little and often works much better than one large block.

We hope you all have lovely a weekend and look forward to seeing you again on Monday

Miss Roseblade, Mrs Coventry & Mrs Paice