

## Beech class weekly update 27.11.20

We have had a fantastic week in Beech class, the highlight of which was learning all about thanksgiving. Thank you so much to Muni (Aura and Auden's mum) and Jules (Cecily's mum) for all of their support with this, the children loved finding out about a different tradition, as did the adults! It was wonderful for them all to spend some time thinking about what they are thankful for. They wrote down their different ideas on autumnal coloured leaves and these were turned into a mobile with sticks they had collected from the school grounds.



You will hopefully have also seen that your child came home with a gratitude book which was a thanksgiving gift from the Tuthills. This is such a lovely idea particularly in these uncertain times and we will now be sharing in class what three things we are feeling grateful for on a regular basis.

I have continued to teach the children via teams with support on the ground from Mrs Coventry and Mrs Paice. The children have continued to respond very well to this and have enjoyed the variety.

In maths we have been learning about how to represent word problems using the bar model method for example

**Jack picked 13 apples from under one tree and 6 apples from under another tree. How many apples are there altogether?**

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13	6

We have also been carrying out some assessments to see what the children already know about shape, time and money. It would be very helpful if you could talk with your child about the time and different times that they do things eg. getting up, having breakfast, bed time etc. time is a tricky concept particularly as so many clocks are now digital and children don't see analogue clock faces as often. Talking regularly with children about what happens at different times of the day will help the children to develop a broader understanding of time.

In English this week we have continued with our book *The Tunnel* and have been debating whether or not the sister should follow her brother into the tunnel. We made predictions about what might be in the tunnel and thought about different advice we could give the sister if she did decide to go in to the tunnel. The children then wrote letters to the sister giving her their advice.

In science we have been learning about different tunnelling animals and we will be creating our own posters to teach other people what we have found out.

This week I have set two activities on purple mash and wanted to remind you of the list of suggested activities linked to our topic on the class page of the website. Every piece of homework that is emailed in is shared with all of the class and the children take real pride in talking about what they have been doing at home.

Next week is set to be very busy any children who have a specific costume for the nativity will have had a letter explaining what they need to wear attached to their script. All other children need to wear a base layer of plain, dark colours underneath their own clothes (they will then be given a costume from our stores in school to wear for the performance) If this is likely to cause a problem for any parents please speak to one of the Beech team and we will sort something out in school.

If anyone has a 'Roman soldier' costume at home that we would be able to borrow for filming we would be very grateful.

So, just a reminder for next week:

Monday: school uniform

Tuesday: PE kit

Wednesday: Forest school kit

Thursday & Friday: Nativity clothing (can be worn as a base layer for warmth).

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

Miss Roseblade, Mrs Coventry & Mrs Paice