

## Beech class weekly update 22.10.20

Well done everyone! What an incredibly busy seven weeks we have had, the children have really given it their all and the sight of them still happily running up the path into school every morning this week with huge smiles is a real testament to how well they have settled back into school.

We have had a brilliant final week learning more new skills and being creative. We have made our own stop motion animation films on ipads which the children thoroughly enjoyed. It might be something they would like to do at home if there is a rainy day during half term. We used imovie to create the films but there are other apps that are available.

The children have also all made their beautiful Christmas cards. If you would like to order some they are due back on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November (the first day back after half term).

We went for a rainy but enjoyable walk around the village to look for signs of seasonal change. Thank you so much for ensuring all the children were suitably clothed in waterproofs, it really does make such a difference to their enjoyment of the sessions.

We completed our big write as a class and all contributed to our own non-fiction book about dinosaurs. If you are reading any non-fiction books with your children over the holidays see if they can remember and identify the key features (contents, glossary, index, photos, labelled diagrams etc.)

In maths we are still working on addition and have been practicing using number lines to support us to add two 2 digit numbers.

There is no homework as it is half term and the children need to rest and enjoy spending time with their families.

Our topic for next half term is 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets', where the children will be enjoying stories linked to castles, looking at and building towers, learning about famous towers and tunnels, exploring tunnelling animals and much more!

As we are unable to take the class (and Acorn class) on a school trip to launch the topic, we wondered if you would be able to look at some pictures of castles, maybe do a virtual tour of a castle, read a castle story or even visit a castle if you are able to and feel safe to do so.

Another way we are launching the topic is to have a 'Dress up' day on Friday 6th November. Please can children come to school dressed as 'someone' from a castle. This could include a cook, a knight, a prince, a princess, a queen, a king, a Dragon or even a Jester.

We all hope that you have a relaxing half term break and stay safe.

Looking forward to seeing you all again on Monday 2nd November.

Miss Roseblade, Mrs Coventry, Ms Coffee & Mrs Paice