



# Beech Class

## Spring 1

Christian Value: Respect and Reverence

British Value: Mutual Respect

### Core subjects this half term

#### English

##### Reading

Our class text this half term is The Thieves Of Ostia by Caroline Laurence. This is a story based in Ancient Rome and links to our history learning.

##### Writing

Children will write their own five-part story inspired by the class text, where the character lives in Ancient Rome. Grammar for this unit will focus on expanded noun phrases and figurative language to describe characters and settings. Children will also be learning how to use and punctuate direct speech. In the second part of the half-term, we will be writing a historical recount based on the Romans and a persuasive text.

#### Maths

This half term, children will be learning the formal calculation methods for multiplication and division. . Towards the end of the half-term, we will explore length and perimeter.

Year 4 will focus on the 4 x tables, moving on to the 6 x tables. Year 3 will learn doubles facts moving onto 2 x table.

Computing

### Foundation subjects this half term

**Science:** Plants and living things

**RE:** Why do people pray?

**History:** The Romans in Britain

**PSHE:** Friendships including online

**Art:** Artist study Yayoi Kusama

**Music:** Rhythms and patterns

**Computing:** Branching Data Bases

**French:** Phonics and Pronunciation

**PE:** Dance

### Reminders

**PE** will be on **Mondays** this half term.

Children should come to school in uniform with PE kits in school to change into.

**Forest School** Please ensure your child comes into school in Forest School appropriate clothing on these dates:

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**February** - long-sleeved top, full-length trousers, wellies or appropriate footwear and a waterproof jacket.

Homework is set every Friday: spellings and times tables. Please also note down any reading your child does at home. We recommend hearing your child read 4 times a week.

Class Dojo is for non-urgent queries and will be checked regularly. Please report absence, including appointments, to the school office via phone.

*"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10)*