

# Beech Curriculum - Term 1

We are Authors:

Unit 1

How can we use expanded noun phrases to create excitement in our writing?

Leaf is about a polar bear that arrives somewhere he shouldn't be and the journey he takes to try and go home. We will be writing a setting description based on the beautiful illustrations featured.



We are Scientists:

Unit 2

How do scientists define solids, liquids and gases?

We will compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. Then, we will observe that some materials (in particular, CHOCOLATE!) change state when they are heated or cooled. We will discuss whether these changes can be reversed. Beech class will be writing up about how states of matter change.

We are Geographers:

Unit 3

Why would somebody choose to settle in Sutton Benger?

In our geography unit we will explore what the main features of Sutton Benger are and explore reasons why somebody would choose to live there. We will think about land use and (weather permitting) go on a walk to explore the area. Our writing linked to this unit will be a postcard.

## English

During the first term we will be revising grammar and spellings that the children have learnt previously. As authors we will focus on the use of punctuation and expanded noun phrases. When writing about solids, liquids and gases we will be focusing on the correct use of the -er, -est, -ing, -ed spelling rule. Finally, in the geography unit we will be focusing on areas the children are unsure of from year 1 and 2 that they should be secure with.

## Maths

At the start of the term we will be focusing on place value where we will compare and order numbers. We will then move on to addition and subtraction. Whilst learning about this, we will involve money so any practice of using money in shops would be fantastic! Finally, we will learn about multiplication and making equal groups. Year 2s will be focusing on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and year 3 will move on to the 3, 4 and 8 times table.

## Key Events

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September - TD Day

Monday's in term 1 - PE

Wednesdays in term 1 - Forest School

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - TD Day

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Half term starts

Together, we learn, grow and flourish