

Core signs for our topic this term.



Our topic this term is 'Let it Snow!', here are some related signs for you to practice

snowman



hat



snow



gloves



cold



Don't forget to say the words as you sign!



Beech Class Key stage 1 Information for parents/carers Term 2 2024



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This term our focus will be:

'Let it snow!'

Key Texts:

Pip and Posy The Snowy Day by Axel Scheffler.
The Snowball by Sue Hendra.
That's not my Snowman Usbourne

Regular events:

Swimming- Monday afternoon

PE Enrichment - Tuesday afternoon

PE - Wednesday Morning



General Information:

Next term we will be busy using our senses to explore the changes in weather as the winter weather arrives at Ifield. We will practise our self-care skills in dressing appropriately for the weather and will have lots of fun with ice and (hopefully) snow!

In addition we are also looking forward to learning about the Christmas story and preparing to celebrate Christmas together.

Homework and contact:

The Home/School Journals continue to be our principle means of communicating with you. Please check them each day. In addition messages can be emailed to the office for our attention.

Last term we introduced the Evidence for Learning weekly photographs, we hope you are enjoying seeing a glimpse of what your child is engaging with at school each week.

Ideas for home:

If you have any photos of your child enjoying topic related activities, please feel free to share them by emailing office@ifield.kent.sch.uk

Foundations for Literacy

This term, Beech Class will engage in a range of sensory experiences as they make their way through the pages of the key texts. They will listen to a range of songs and nursery rhymes to engage their interest, linked to the topic.

They will also explore making marks in different wet media, such as snow, ice and slippery ooblek goo.



Foundations for Maths

During their Maths focus sessions, Beech Class will be learning to sort and compare objects according to size.

They will develop their understanding of positional language (up/down) as they pretend to roll and throw snowballs.



Understanding the world

Recognising the weather and dressing accordingly will form a large part of Beech class' learning this term. From wearing wellies to explore puddles, to putting on hats and gloves when it's chilly.



They will be engaging in 'hide & seek' activities where familiar objects will need to be found and explored.

Fine Motor Skills

This term Beech Class will be practising their pincer grips to begin to pull zips and wellies on. They will be practising their postal skills in order to support their fine motor development.

They will use tweezers, scoops and other tools, to investigate items hiding in the snow, and ice.



Art/Design

This term we will be exploring shadows, silhouettes, light and dark. We will be creating 'fairy wands' with natural objects and imitating environmental sounds in their own manner when interacting with familiar adults.

Fun With Foods



Foods can cause anxieties for our pupils with ASD. Beech Class will be continuing to follow the Fun with Food programme to help to develop the pupils' tolerance of different smells and textures. This term they will be exploring dry and crunchy foods.

Therapies

Following their Term 1 assessments, Beech Class will continue to access

- Therapeutic Music
- Brushing
- Compressions
- Sensory Circuits
- PECS and Makaton
- SLIC support
- OT support

As required following observations and Assessments by our therapists.



PSHE (Personal, social and health education) and RSE

This term, Beech Class will be engaging with a range of exciting sensory activities designed to help them to explore the Religious celebrations of Diwali and Christmas.

Happy Diwali



Physical Education:

This term pupils will be developing their ball control skills including:

- pushing
- rolling
- bouncing

They will be using their hands and feet to interact with balls of different sizes.

In swimming they will continue to develop their confidence in the water.



Communication/Language

This term, the children's personal Speech and Language targets will be reviewed and updated to reflect the children's progress in their communication skills. These will be shared at Parents' Evening.

Supportive activities will continue to include intensive interaction, the Curiosity Programme, Attention Autism and personalised activities to support EHCP targets.



PE Enrichment

This term Beech Class will be exploring our wonderful Woodland with specialist teacher Rebecca. They will be exploring the paths that wind through the woodland, pausing to notice trees, birds and props hidden in amongst the trees.



Please ensure your child has wellies and waterproofs in class ready for our adventures!

Music

This term, Hannah will continue to support pupils to prepare for their Christmas performance.

This will include the use of tuned/untuned percussion instruments, and exploring movement to music using material and props.

