



Did you need an umbrella on the way to school?



This term Beech class will be exploring the question 'Did you need an umbrella on the way to school?'. Our topic this term is the elements - predominantly, earth, wind, fire and water. This big question will allow us to think about why the weather changes and how we need to adapt to it.

Additionally, the topic will deepen our understanding of the wider World and the Earth's climate and cycles. We will be exploring more questions such as 'should I wear a coat in the desert?' and 'does it rain everywhere at the same time?'

This half term we are looking at the Bolney characteristics: creative thinkers and achievers. These values are intended to help children develop into kind, caring, considerate, and happy people.

Key Vocabulary:

fire	nature
wind	cycle
earth	experiment
water	data
rain	enquiry
snow	dry
element	cloudy
change	foggy
sun	thunder
hot	lightning
scorching	hail
cold	rainbow
freezing	country
temperature	climate
	environment



Key texts:

Pablo and Splash
 Once upon a raindrop
 Here we are
 After the storm
 ...
 And many more books on elements, weather and the environment!

Key Questions:

How did Jack's beanstalk get so tall?
 Should I wear a coat in the desert?
 Does it rain everywhere at the same time?
 Do penguins and polar bears play together?
 Is water a shape shifter?
 Could it snow in August?
 What happens when water meets fire?

PE

As sportspersons, we will be learning a dance and learning how to move in a space rhythmically

PSHE

Jigsaw: Dreams and goals): I can plan a goal and achieve it

Maths

Year 1: Addition and subtraction, Place value (within 50)

Year 2: Multiplication and division, Statistics

English

Year 1 Key skills (writing):

- ❖ Oral rehearsal
- ❖ nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs
- ❖ Spelling common exception words
- ❖ Correct sentence structure
- ❖ Conjunctions

Year 2 key skills (writing):

- ❖ Adjectives
- ❖ Spelling common exception words
- ❖ Correct sentence structure
- ❖ Commas in a list
- ❖ Expanded noun phrases
- ❖ Command sentences

Art/DT

As designers and creators, we will be making different pieces of art with a variation of medium to express the elements

RE

In RE we be exploring the question: How do Muslims show Allah is compassionate and merciful?



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Spring 1

Geography

As Geographers we will be understanding the Earth's Climate & Cycles

Science

As scientists we will be conducting different experiments. We will be looking at water, wind, fire and earth.

Bolney Characteristics

Creative Thinkers and Achievers

Music

Zootime – Charanga

BIG QUESTION:

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Computing

As programmers we will be identifying technology and how it is used in the World around us