

# BEECH NEWS



**Friday 22nd March 2019**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been an exciting week in Beech class as we have had both our class trip and our family day. By the time you read this, we will have returned from the Fitzwilliam Museum, hopefully with lots of stories about what we have seen and what we have learnt during our visit. Next week we will do some follow-up activities based on our visit and also write a recount of the day. It will be a great opportunity to put into practise lots of the elements of recounts we have been learning about over the last few weeks.

Continuing to learn about fractions, this week we have been learning more about how to find unit fractions of amounts. Next week we will start to look at decimal numbers too and begin to match tenths and hundredths in both fraction and decimal form. Your child may want to try some of the fractions and decimals activities on Studyladder as part of their homework.

In science on Monday we spoke about electrical safety and then we got out some equipment. Our first challenge was to make a circuit with a bulb that would light up. Some pairs managed it really quickly but some took a little longer. We discovered that having the battery in the battery holder the right way round was important, as was making sure that the wires were connected to the metal part of the battery holder and bulb holder. We learnt that if the circuit was not complete, the bulb would not light up. Then we were given some pictures of circuits and we had to identify whether they were complete or incomplete, and therefore, whether or not the bulb would light up.

The theme for family day on Wednesday was Islam and we had a great day rotating around the different classrooms to learn more about Islam and take part in a range of activities including learning to write in Arabic, finding out which foods Muslims can or cannot eat, and comparing the Christian and Islamic creation stories. Everyone, including the adults, learnt something new and I was really proud of how all the children in Beech class helped the younger children throughout the day.

I look forward to seeing you all at parent consultations next week.

Have a great weekend,

**From Mrs Stratton**

## Dates

Parent consultations: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Homework due: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Book look and PTA cake sale: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 3.30 - 4.15pm

