

Beech Class Newsletter – Autumn (1)

Our topic this term is 'Who are we?'

Staffing in Beech Class:

Teacher: Miss Baker

LSA: Miss Clark, Mrs Greenwood, Mrs Page

English:

Our book focus this term is 'Contemporary Fiction'. We will enjoy listening to, reading, performing, retelling and innovating our own versions of stories, for example 'Little Turtle Turns the Tide'.

We will also be writing our own recounts from personal experience based on a special day in the summer holidays and noticing rhyming couplets in a range of poems.





Phonics sessions are a fundamental part of English within Year 1 which continues onto learning spelling rules in Year 2. In class, we provide children with daily phonics or spelling sessions in which they will practise saying, recognising, reading and writing sounds which they will practise for their homework on a weekly basis (handed out every Friday and due in the following Friday).

Reading:

As a school, we will be continuing our reward system.

Children will need to have read on 4 separate days (in one week) for staff to update the register towards their reward (this will be checked on a Friday morning so please ensure any reading at home is recorded in the reading diary).

Year 1 reading books will be changed every Monday, Year 2 on a Tuesday. These books will only be changed if they have been read with an adult at home.

Week 1				
Day 1 ✓ Read 	Day 2 ✓ Read 	Day 3 ✓ Read 	Day 4 ✓ Read 	= staff update register in school
Note - These <i>do not</i> need to be consecutive days, just four separate days within the week				
End of Week 3				
If the above is repeated for three consecutive weeks = child wins a prize				
End of Week 6				
If repeated for a further three consecutive weeks = child wins an additional reward				

Maths:

This term we will be focusing on:

- Place Value
- Addition
- Subtraction

We have times table rockstars available for children to practise at home. Teach your monster to read also have a maths section to practise maths skills.

PE:

This half term, we will be participating in P.E **every Tuesday and Thursday** afternoon. Beech class will be joining in Born to Move (dance) and an outdoor PE lesson, focusing on Tag Rugby. Both PE lessons will take place outside (weather permitting) and **all pupils are required to attend school in their full PE kit on these days**. Please could you ensure your child has suitable clothing for this, in accordance with the school's uniform policy, including removal of earrings.

Science:

In Science we will be looking at everyday materials. We will recap what a material is and how we can describe their properties using scientific vocabulary. We will then identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials for particular uses. Finally, we will investigate how some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

PSHCE:

Our unit focus for Autumn 1 is 'Me and My Relationships'. Children will learn about:

- Why we have classroom rules.
- How are you listening?
- Thinking about feelings.
- Our feelings.
- Feelings and bodies.
- Good friends.

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Religious Education:

Throughout Autumn (1), Beech Class will be investigating the enquiry question 'Why is light an important symbol for Christians, Jews and Hindus?' By the end of this unit children will be able to:

- Retell at least one narrative where light is an important symbol.
- Recognise that the narratives used by Christians, Hindus and Jews reflect their key beliefs.
- Give an example of how Christmas, Hindu and Jews and beliefs (and the symbolism of light) to guide their daily lives.



Christian Value: Our first value this term is 'Thankfulness', through assemblies the children will begin to explore its meaning and value. Please see the worship newsletter for additional information.

Computing:

The start of Computing this year will allow children to be able to confidently answer the question 'What is a computer?' They will be able to: Name some computer peripherals and their function; Recognise that buttons cause effects; Explain that technology follows instructions; Recognise different forms of technology; Design an invention which includes inputs and outputs.

French:

An exciting addition to our key stage one curriculum is the introduction of French lessons. We will be learning how to:

Say 'hello' (formally and informally) in French.

- Say 'my name is...' in French.
- Ask somebody in French how they are feeling and give a reply.
- Say 'goodbye' and 'see you soon' in French.



Music:

Our topic this half term in music is called 'Hands, Feet, Heart'. The main theme will be based around South African music. The class will take part in warm up games (including vocal), play instruments and listen and appraise music. They will then improvise based on their learning to create their own musical rhythms.



Geography:

Over the course of this half term, we will be learning about the United Kingdom. Children will be able to name and locate the four countries within the UK and the capital cities. They will identify the seas that surround us and the types of animals that may live in them. We will also look at the flags that represent these countries.



Art:

Our art this term will be based around 'Spirals'. We will:

- Make drawings using continuous lines.
- Draw from observations.
- Make a range of marks with different drawing tools.
- Make choices about colour.
- Observe and listen to artists.
- Evaluate own and peer work.



Website Links:

Maths-Top Marks:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

Phonics Play-There are plenty of free games to play on this website that the children are familiar with.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources>

Primary Games Arena

<https://primarygamesarena.com/>

Important Dates:

3.9.25: First Day of Academic Year

9.9.25: First PE Session (Born to Move)

24.9.25: Whole School Trip to Wyvern Wood

24.10.25: Last day of first half of Autumn Term

