

Beech Class Newsletter Spring 2019 1st half term

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge 'Thank you' on behalf of myself, Mrs Pearce and Miss Simmons for all the lovely cards and gifts received at the end of last term. We are incredibly grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

The term has started well and the children have come back full of enthusiasm, and are eager to learn which is great to see!

Please come and see us if you have any worries or concerns or if anything has changed at home that you would like to tell us. If we cannot speak to you immediately, we will make an appointment to see you at the next available time. We also have parent consultations coming up soon, so this is a perfect opportunity to discuss your child's progress and attainment.

Our Topic for this term will be **Fire! Fire!** (first half of term) and **Daring Discoveries** (second half).

As much as possible all subjects will be taught linked to this topic. We will be finding out about the Great Fire of London and its significance in history. We will also refer to 'People who help us' eg. firefighters, doctors, nurses etc. Take a look at our topic web for some of the other things we will be learning this term!



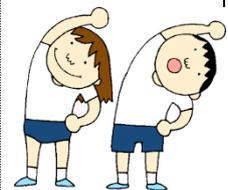
Book bags



Please ensure your child brings in their book bag **every day** so that letters and pieces of work reach you safely. This also means that your child is encouraged to read daily and change their reading book regularly.

PE Sessions- P.E days are Tues am (with Mr Green) and Weds pm (with Mrs Childs)

To help your child with these sessions please ensure they wear clothes that enable them to dress and undress themselves independently. Please ensure their clothes are **named** to help us match up any left-over clothes at the end of the session. No earrings on P.E days please. (If newly pierced, please provide microporous tape so that the earrings can be covered.)



Mr Green has asked that all children be properly equipped with an outdoor P.E. kit so that they can fully participate in lessons.

Lost Property:

Please make sure that all items of clothing are **named**. Any lost items we find will be put in the red lost property box in the school hall.

I do have a permanent pen so will happily name anything – just let me know!

Wet weather:

The children can bring in wellies and can keep them in school. We usually go outside unless it is very heavy rain.



Home School Journals

New journals for the Spring term will be sent home with your child's reading book. Please tick when the book has been read and add a small comment about your child's reading.

Home School Journals are also a good form of communication between home and school if you are unable to come in and speak to your child's teacher.

Parents Evenings

These will be Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th February.

The meetings will be to discuss the progress that your child has made so far this academic year especially with regards to their English and Maths attainment and also the Phonics check (Year 1 children and those in Year 2 who are re-taking).

More details will follow nearer the time. You will be able to book online as before.

Homework

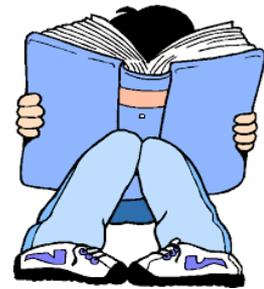
As well as the expectation that the children will have read with you each week, we will continue to set homework every Friday which will be due in the following Wednesday. The tasks will have an English and Maths focus (only one of which will need to be recorded) and will link directly with what is being taught in the classroom that week. There will also be a weekly spelling task for the children to complete.

Please try to ensure you support your child to complete the tasks, in order that they share with you their understanding, and also to extend their learning further. Please could children write in pencil and take the same care as they do with their books in school.

Spellings should be practiced more than once to enable children to have the best possible chance of remembering them for the spelling test on Thursday. Please do not hand in your homework book until Wednesday to facilitate this.

Reading books

We check with the children daily to ensure that they have a regular supply of reading books to bring home. If you find that your child's books is not changed, please remind **them** first thing in the morning as you drop them off so that **they** can do it before registration. (This can be done in earshot of an adult in the classroom so that we remember to remind them too!)



Calling all parent helpers!



If you would like to help in our class, please let us know! It could be for a regular weekly session or just a one-off. We welcome parents into the classroom to read with the children, help them change their books, playing English and Maths games and other fun jobs in the classroom!

I will be teaching in Beech Class every day - Mr Green from Premier Sport and Mrs Pearce will continue to teach on a Tuesday morning during my PPA time. Please see Beech Class' timetable in your Home School Journal for more information.

Kind regards, Mrs Childs