

## Year 1 and Year 2

3rd October 2020

### News and Reminders

#### **School photos**

Just a reminder that on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October the children will be having their individual photos. They will need to come in their school uniform. Please can Beech bring Forest kit in a bag and Birch bring their PE kit in a bag.

#### **Hello Yellow**

As mentioned in Ms Martin's weekly notices, on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October we are participating in 'Hello Yellow' to raise awareness of children's mental health and wellbeing. The children are invited to wear something yellow and donate £1 to Young Minds.

#### **Spellings**

We are really proud of how hard the children are working with their spellings. Thank you for all your support in helping your child learn them each week.

#### **Virtual coffee mornings**

We are busy preparing videos for you on how to support your child's learning at home. Look out for these!

### Homework

In Year 1 and 2, the children have daily reading, weekly spellings, fortnightly maths and fortnightly reading comprehension.

All homework will be set on Seesaw on a Friday and due on the following Friday.

#### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October-**

Maths homework due in and spelling test.  
Reading comprehension set and new spellings  
(unless still on previous spellings as explained)

#### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October-**

Reading comprehension due in and spelling test.  
Maths homework set and new spellings  
(unless still on previous spellings as explained)

#### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October-**

Maths homework due in and spelling test.  
Reading comprehension homework set and new spellings  
(unless still on previous spellings as explained)

## Our Learning

### Literacy and Topic:

We have recently moved on from Little Red Riding Hood to The 3 Billy Goat's Gruff. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this story and it was great to see them roaring with laughter when the teachers were pretending to be the troll! The children have been working in groups to act out the story, remembering to have clear voices, good facial expressions and gestures. They did an amazing job! For their writing, they have been thinking about adjectives they could use to describe a troll and they have written their own character descriptions.



### Maths:

The children have continued to consolidate their knowledge of place value. In Year 1, the children have moved onto number bonds and simple addition, using part whole models. In Year 2, the children are going to be learning how to use column addition to add. Look out for some videos coming up from our Maths Ambassadors showing parents how we teach some of the written methods!

### PE:

The children are really enjoying their PE lessons, particularly our dance unit! During this unit, the children are exploring jungle animals and the way they move. They really enjoyed pretending to be different animal whilst dancing to 'In the jungle the lion sleeps tonight'. Who knew that dogs and flamingos appeared in the jungle?!

### Science

The children have been continuing to learn about different materials. They have been exploring the properties of different materials and why some materials are used for certain purposes. At the end of the unit, the children will be creating their own house for the 3 little pigs!

### Topic week

On the last week before half term (w/c 19<sup>th</sup> October) the children will be having a special Topic week. During this week, most of our lessons will be themed around our Topic. This will be a great way to round the topic off! For that week, we will be creating some fairytale characters out of egg boxes and cardboard. Please could every child bring in a NAMED piece of cardboard (a front or back of a cereal box will do), as well as an egg box. We would really appreciate it.

### Harvest

We are busy practising our virtual Harvest Festival for you. Each class is performing their own song which we will record and put together in a video to send to parents. We hope you enjoy it!

### **Christian Value Certificates**

We are now celebrating children who have shown our Christian values by awarding them with Star of the Week in our Friday celebration assemblies. Mr Gadsby is recording these and then we are sharing them virtually

### **Diary Dates**

Below are the important diary dates for the next 2 weeks. The next fortnightly update will be sent out on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October where you will find updated diary dates.

with our classes! We will also put the link on Seesaw for you to watch with your child at home.  
Congratulations to the following children for demonstrating our Christian Values over the last 2 weeks.

**Beech-**

25.9.20- Jodie for showing RESPONSIBILITY. She has been using her phonics knowledge to help with her writing which has been fantastic to see!

2.10.20-

**Birch-**

25.9.20- Keon for REponsibility. He has been taking real pride in his work and his listening skills are really improving.

2.10.20-

**Blackthorn-**

25.9.20- Sonny for RESPECT. He always shows excellent manners and is a super role model for behaviour, always listening well and working hard.

2.10.20- Jessica for RESPONSIBILITY. She has worked really hard on her reading. She has shown real dedication with quizzes and displays such determination and growth mindset in lessons.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October-** Individual School Photos (come to school dressed in school uniform)

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October-** Beech Class Forest School

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October -** Birch Class Forest School

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October-** Baseline progress report sent out to parents via ParentMail

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October-** Blackthorn Class Forest School

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October-** Hello Yellow Day. Wear something yellow and bring in £1 for Young Minds.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October-** Beech Class Forest School

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October-** Birch Class Forest School

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October-** Blackthorn Class Forest School

