

# Beech Class Newsletter

## Summer Term 2017



Dear Parents,

Just a short letter to say welcome back after the holidays and to inform you about the different topics that will be covered this term.

We are looking forward to this Summer Term. It is going to be a busy term and we have planned lots of exciting, fun activities which will take full advantage of the warmer weather (hopefully!)

## **SATs Tests**

The Year 2 children in Beech class will be taking their SATs tests (Statutory Assessment Tests) during the week beginning **Monday 15th May**. These test results will be used to confirm teacher assessments carried out by teachers during the Summer Term. Children do not need to worry about the tests, they are important but they are not the only assessment tool used to decide a child's attainment. In order to ensure that your child is fully prepared to perform at their best, I would advise the following:

Please ensure that your child goes to bed early in order to get a good night's sleep. Please make sure that they start each day with a good breakfast. Thank you for your support.

There will be a SATs information meeting for parents on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm in the Beech classroom.

## **Reading**

Please also try to read with your child regularly and discuss the pages read. It is more important to read a few pages with discussion and understand what they have read rather than reading the whole book in one night.

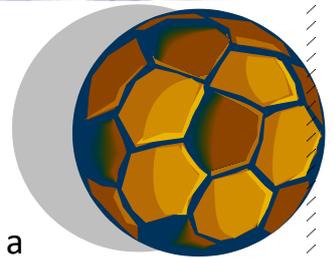
It is beneficial to your child to spend quality uninterrupted time enjoying their reading book, focusing on their reading with an adult.

**Please ensure that the reading book pages you have heard are noted in the homework diary and signed by an adult. This prevents children from rereading pages they have already read at home.**

## **P.E.**

P.E. lessons will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The children will need a clearly labelled bag containing a white top, navy shorts and pumps. Please ensure that each item is clearly labelled with your child's name. Long hair must be tied back, and it would be appreciated if pupils could have a spare band in their bag.



# **Topics**

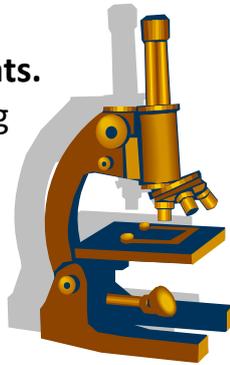
1<sup>st</sup> Half Term: Wind in the Willows

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term: Buckets and Spades

## **Science**

### **Living things and their habitats.**

The children will be learning about living things and the habitats that they live in. We will study which habitats different living things live in. We will also discover how different habitats are suited to the different living things and how they provide for the basic needs of different animals.



### **Uses of everyday materials.**

Children will study a range of everyday materials and explore their suitability for different purposes.



## **Geography**

### **Seasons and weather patterns.**

We will be studying seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK.

## **Art**

Children will be learning how to create collages using a range of materials including some natural materials like driftwood and shells.

## **History**

### **Seaside holidays- Then and now.**

We will be finding out about seaside holidays in the past. We will be comparing seaside holidays in the past to holidays now and identifying the similarities and differences.

We will be going on a school trip to Blackpool in July as part of our studies into seaside holidays.



## **Homework**

All homework will be given out on a Friday and will need to be handed in the following Thursday. We hope that this will then provide enough time for activities to be completed and any questions answered. Children will be given a maths activity, a comprehension activity and spellings to learn.

## **Library**

Children will have the opportunity to visit the school library on Thursdays. Please ensure that they have their library book in school so that they are able to change their books.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Finally, if you have anything you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs. H. Buxton & Mrs. E. Stribbling