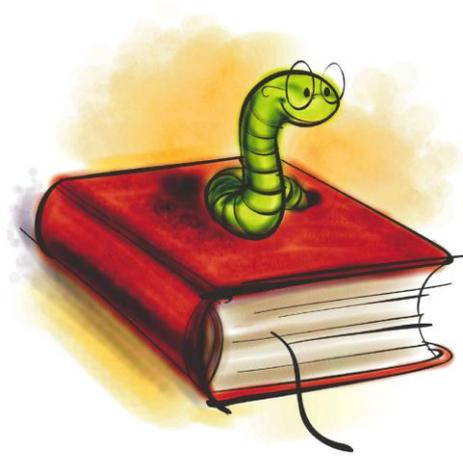


Beech Class Newsletter



Autumn Term 2016

Dear Parents,

Just a short letter to say welcome to you to Beech Class and the new academic year. We will also be informing you about the different topics that will be covered this term.

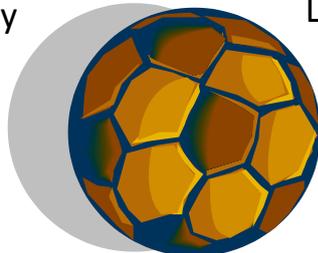
We are looking forward to this Autumn Term. The children have settled into their new class really well and have demonstrated that they are more independent now that they are entering Year 2.

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 and spellings to learn, with a short Literacy activity.

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.



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 these should also be signed at the end of every week.

P.E.

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

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

Autumn 1st half:

The Place Where I live

Autumn 2nd half:

Fighting Fit

Art

We will be learning how to draw from observation. We will be doing drawing and paintings of the local area which will be developed into printmaking activities.

In the second half of the term we will be learning how to draw the human form in proportion and will be creating clay figures.

Geography

Fieldwork in The School Grounds

We will be using simple fieldwork techniques such as observation and identification to study the geography of the school and its grounds. We will be developing the children's map work skills, using large scale maps and aerial photos of the school and local area. The children will learn to draw simple maps and construct basic symbols in a map key.

Science

We will be learning about humans and what they need to survive. We will also be studying human growth and the importance of exercise.



Computing

Digital research

We will be carrying out digital research into materials- linking our Science work with Computing.

Sound/Multimedia

We will be listening to sound files and editing sounds. The children will then add these sound files to a story they have written.

Electronic Communication

The children will be learning how to write and send an e-mail.

R.E.

In RE we will be learning to re-tell Bible stories that show kindness, and to explore how this makes Christians behave towards other people.

We are learning to reflect on the Christmas story and the reasons for Jesus' birth.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. J. Duffy and Mrs H.Buxton
