

Beech Newsletter Summer 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a nice Easter break and are enjoying the spring sunshine. It was great to catch up with you all before Easter and reflect on your child's/ children's progress. I am very proud of how they have all developed this year, both socially and educationally. They are a lovely class with lots of great characters who are full of spirit and enthusiasm. Hopefully, this came across through our discussions and you were able to see evidence of their hard work and progress.

This summer term is going to be very busy. Trips have been planned to 'Eureka' and a local church. These are designed to consolidate our learning, get children out of the classroom and most importantly allow everyone to have some fun whilst participating in worthwhile activities.

SATs take place towards the end of May. I will let you know the precise dates nearer the time but essentially children are tested on maths, spelling, grammar and reading.

The tests will be administered over the course of a week in a completely non-pressured environment. They should be viewed simply as an extra piece of evidence which supports my overall teacher assessment recorded on their end of year reports.

As ever, if you have any queries or concerns about these tests or anything else, please catch up with me before or after school. Teaching works best in partnership with parents and I will always try my best to deal with any issues quickly as possible.

Kind regards,

Andrew Smith

17/4/18

Reading

There is a simple system for **changing reading books**. Please make a note in the Reading Record indicating that the book has been finished. Your child then places it in the 'Change Your Reading Book Box' first thing in the morning. I will always try to send a new one home on the same day.

I monitor children's progress through the reading scheme on a regular basis. However, please try to listen to them as frequently as possible at home. It does make a big difference to their progress.

PE

PE is on Monday.

Games is on a Tuesday

I know it is not always easy but please try to make sure that your child has the correct kit:

White T-shirt/ black shorts/ pumps or bare feet for PE
Any colour kit/ trainers for outdoor games.

The Seaside

Our geography topic is 'The Seaside.' We will be looking at some traditional seaside towns such as Blackpool and the features that may be found there.



Plants

What do they need to grow and how do they change?

We will be looking at the different parts of a plant, how seeds germinate and what plants we eat.

The children will be planting some cress seeds as part of an investigation to see what they need to grow



PHONICS

Phonics is taught in class on a daily basis. Most children are now on Letters and Sounds phase 5. Once completed, all of the 44 phonemes (sounds) will have been taught.

Some interventions will continue to run for those who have gaps in their understanding. These will take place in small groups

I am happy to provide more information about this if you would like to come and see me.





A Smith
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