

Beech Newsletter Summer 2015

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a nice Easter break and are enjoying the delightful, sunny weather.

It was great to catch up with you all last week and reflect on your child/children's progress. I am very proud of how they have all developed this year, both socially and educationally. It is a lovely class full of happy children. Hopefully, this came across through our discussions and you were able to see evidence of progress in their books.

I always try to make the most of our time in school and challenge children to achieve their very best. Work is differentiated to suit a range of abilities and children are given clear steps/ targets to improve. Please continue to let me know how your child is getting on- messages in homework books/ reading records are always helpful.

Mrs Longworth will be teaching on a Monday afternoon again as I run Forest School sessions for other year groups. The children will be doing maths and PSHE. I will always try to make sure that I am around to see the children home at the end of the day.

As ever, if you have any queries or concerns, 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

20/4/15

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, with the school day being so busy there is not always time to hear your child read in school other than during the guided reading sessions.

Please try to listen to them as frequently as possible at home.

Homework

Minute Maths

Children will be completing 'Minute Maths' several times a week. I will send copies home so that they can be practiced if you wish.

Any other homework will be sent out on a Friday and should be **returned by Monday**. Feedback in homework books is always welcome!

Fire of London

Our history topic is the Great Fire of London. We will be finding the answers to questions like:

Where did it begin?

What happened? How do we know?

Why did the fire spread so quickly?



PE

PE is on Monday.

Games is on a Thursday with PAS (up until half term- then it will revert back to Wednesday)

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.

Spring Term Curriculum

	Maths	English
Week 1	Number and fractions	Room on a Broom
Week 2	Addition and subtraction	Room on a Broom
Week 3	Addition and subtraction	Information texts
Week 4	Shape and measures	Information texts
Week 5	Multiplication and division	Writing letters
Week 6	Money/number and place value	Writing letters
Week 7	Addition and subtraction	Poetry



PE	Gymnastics (mirroring)	Art	Fine art techniques
Games	Athletics/ cricket	Science	All living things
ICT	E safety Coding	Music	Rhythm
DT	Making mini beasts	RE/PSHE	Caring for myself

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.

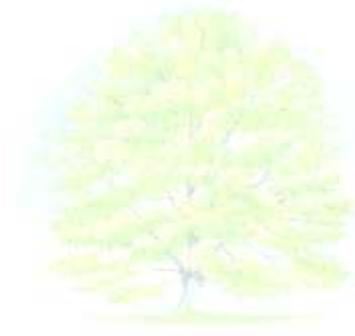
Some interventions will continue to run for those who have gaps in their understanding. These will take place in small groups

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

Volunteers

If any parent/ grandparent could give up an hour or two each week to come in and listen to some children read, your help would be greeted with great enthusiasm.

Let me know if you're interested!



A Smith
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