



Parent Class Letter: Beech Class

Welcome! I hope you have all had a wonderful Easter break. This letter contains useful information about the learning activities that your children will be experiencing over the next term. If you have any queries regarding your child's learning, please don't hesitate to contact me. Miss Gibbons

This term will be exploring many different, exciting areas of the curriculum.

In History this term, we are learning all about our local area. This will include the history of different buildings in Cold Aston; such as the school and church. We will use photographs, both past and present as well as first hand exploration to compare life styles and differences.

In Geography, Beech Class will be revising the continents of the world and countries of the UK. We will also revisit physical and human geographical features before identifying different local features on different maps. We will also learn the importance of a compass.

In Science, we will be looking at different Materials and their properties. After this, we will begin to explore Plants (wild and garden). We will carry out investigations during both topics.

In Art, we will be exploring the wonderful world of land art through the amazing artist Andy Goldsworthy. Our exploration and final pieces will take place outside at forest school. All final pieces will be photographed due to our work being ephemeral.

Forest School will take place each week on a Tuesday afternoon, where Mrs Lewis will link her outdoor learning with our Science and Art topics.

In Music this term we will be exploring:

- Having Fun with Improvisation
- Pulse, Rhythm and Pitch and Performance using our music scheme, Charanga

Although Beech Class will not have designated Spanish lessons, we will be learning Spanish greetings, colours and numbers.

School Values
Responsibility, Respect, Resilience

This term we will be focusing on all of the school values, with the aim to show all three of them throughout our school day. Children have the opportunity to be nominated for the value cup when they have shown one of our school values as well as receiving a value certificate.


Maths

This term we will be covering:

- Addition and Subtraction
- Measure: Length and Mass
- Fractions
- Geometry: Position and Direction
- Measurement: Time
- Measurement: Money
- Multiplication and Division: Multiplication Tables
- Measurement: Mass and Capacity

How parents can help this term:

- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Recognising numbers from 0 – 100
- Counting forwards and backwards from a given number.
- Recognising o'clock and half past time.



English

This term the children will be studying a range of text types, including:

- Non-Fiction Biography- questions and answers.
- Information Text
- Poetry

We will be reading and exploring the non-fiction text, 'I am Neil Armstrong' by Brad Meltzer where as a class, we will focus on writing effective sentences for questions and answers. We will also be using our scientific understanding when explore the non-fiction, information text 'Plants' by DK Books. We will not only use our prior learning to write questions but we will learn how to write statements and extended information sentences about plants. We will be able to use experience days to support our learning in a fun, hands on way, ensuring our writing is very successful.

PE, Health and Well-being

This term we will be focusing on Net and Wall and Sending and Receiving. PE will be on a **THURSDAY** morning. Please ensure your child comes into school wearing their kit.

PE kit:

Indoor - black shorts, white or green t-shirt and pumps. Black shorts or jogging bottoms.

Outdoor – School polo top, socks and trainers with a green school PE jumper. Black shorts or jogging bottoms.

Please ensure that your child's kit is named clearly. Earrings must be removed for all P.E. lessons and long hair tied back.

If your child needs to be excused from a P.E. activity for a medical reason, please send a note to the appropriate teacher.

Drinks and Snacks

Children are encouraged to bring a named, refillable water bottle into school to keep hydrated throughout the day. These will be kept in the classroom where children can access them easily.

Your child may bring a healthy snack (such as fruit) to school to eat during our morning break time but please note there is fresh fruit available daily for your child during this time.

Homework

Reading

Please ensure your child is reading on a daily basis, with a comment and page number recorded in the reading record. Each book must be read three times before it is changed.

Spellings

Spellings will be given out on a Friday in preparation for a test on the following Friday. Children should practise their spellings daily using the spelling sheet sent home in the spelling books.

Maths – Year 2

Maths homework will be set fortnightly through Times Table Rockstars.

Comprehension – Year 2

Comprehension homework will be sent home fortnightly to support reading progression and understanding. This must be returned by the following Friday at the very latest.

RE

Every Friday afternoon we immerse ourselves in RE. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to become familiar with different religions and some of the festivals that are celebrated.

Our RE topics this Summer term are:

What makes some places sacred to believers?

What does it mean to belong to a faith community?

Parental Help

We welcome parental help in the classroom and on school visits/trips. Parents who would like to help are required to have an up-to-date DBS disclosure and attend an interview in school with one of the designated safeguarding leads. Please ask at the office for the appropriate paperwork.

PSHCE

During this term, the children will be exploring different topics relating to 'Keeping myself safe' and 'Valuing differences'.

Our lessons will be focused about class discussions and reflective work.

Our topics this term will also link closely to our Science topics.

Diary Dates

Please check the weekly newsletter for key Diary Dates as well as any updates on Class Dojo.



Medicines and Allergies

If your child has a prescribed medicine (such as an inhaler or Epi-pen), please ensure that we have one in school. This must be clearly named and it is the parents' responsibility to ensure that the medication is in date. If your child has an inhaler, we also require a named 'spacer' (e.g. Volumatic) to ensure that the correct dose is taken. In order for children to take any medication, parents must fill in a permission form from the office.

Children will not be allowed to take medicine unsupervised under any circumstances.

