

Beech Class Provisional Timetable							
	1st lesson	2nd lesson	3rd lesson	Lunch		4th lesson	5th lesson
Monday	English	Maths	Spellings			Skills	RE
Tuesday	English	Maths	Spellings			History/Geography	PSHE
Wednesday	English	Science	Spellings			PE	Maths
Thursday	English	Maths	Spellings			Computing	Music
Friday	Maths	French	Spellings			Art+DT	PE

# Beech Class Year 4

  

## Autumn 2021 Newsletter for Children and Parents

# Class Routines and Information

Welcome to Beech class. I hope that you have all enjoyed your summer. The purpose of this termly class newsletter is to let you know the kinds of things that we will be doing in school and to hopefully answer any questions you may have about Year 4.

**Staff:** Miss Hines will be teaching the children everyday, alongside Mrs Georgescu in the mornings and Mrs Hicks in the afternoons. Computing lessons will be taught by Mrs Churchill, French by Mrs Farrugia and Music by Mr Winn.

**Daily Routines:** Children will arrive between 8:45 and 9am. Children will enter the classroom, wash their hands and start the morning activity. The register will be taken and the first lesson will begin.

**Reading Books:** Children are to bring their reading books into school everyday. They will read with an adult in school, sometimes on a one-to-one basis, sometimes in a small guided reading group and sometimes as a whole class activity. Please continue to read with your child at home, and allow time to discuss the text afterwards even if this means you only read a few pages each evening.

**Library:** The children will be able to choose and take home library books this year which is fantastic. Our weekly library slot will be finalised shortly and you will be informed of this at the parent meeting on Thursday 16th September.

**P.E:** This year, we will have PE on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon. Children should have a **named** PE kit in school at all times during the term. Kit should include t-shirt, shorts and plimsolls/trainers. Children may also wear jogging bottoms and a sweater/fleece as we will be going outside. Any children with ear piercings will need to be able to remove their own studs or bring in tape to protect them. This PE kit should stay in school and will be sent home at the end of each half term.

**Homework:** Children will continue to have spellings homework every week in addition to weekly English or Maths basic skills homework. Please continue to support your child in learning their spellings/homework every week as this will really benefit their progress in school. Homework will be sent home in a folder on a Friday and should be returned by no later than the following Thursday. Spellings will be sent out on a Monday and should be returned by the following Monday. Please encourage your child to do their best when working at home and to hand their work in on time.

**Water Bottles:** Children may bring in a named water bottle so they can drink throughout the day. It is important that they are named with a permanent marker. The bottles will be sent home for washing every Friday and should be returned on Monday morning.

**Snack:** Morning snacks should be a healthy choice of fruit or vegetables.

**Incident slips:** If your child has a head injury or nose bleed they will receive an orange incident slip to take home. This will be placed in their book bag informing you of the incident and the first aid administered. If it is a more serious injury we will phone you immediately.

# Topic Information for Parents

**English:** - **Fiction:** Children will read and write stories in familiar settings and fantasy stories. **Non-fiction:** They will identify the features of instructions, explanations and biographies, analyse some examples and create their own.

**Poetry:** They will explore different forms of poetry including syllabic poems and image poems.

**Maths:** The children will be learning place value in numbers up to 4 digits, mental and written addition and subtraction, measures and data (including telling time and interpreting graphs/charts) and multiplication and division (including knowledge of times tables).

**Geography:** All Around the World - They will look at where the countries of the world are located, they will learn to locate and describe places using longitude and latitude, and find out about the Equator, the Hemispheres, the Poles and the Tropics.

**History:** The Romans - Children will learn about the impact the Roman empire had on life in Britain, the spread of the Roman empire and the invasion of Britain. They will study Roman roads and baths and discover more about Boudicca, Hadrian's wall and Roman gods.

**Science:** Teeth and Electricity - They will study the digestive system in humans and animals and the functions of teeth. They will learn about what electricity is, which appliances use electricity and how to keep themselves safe. Children will construct circuits, start to create pictorial circuits and conduct an investigations.

**RE:** What are the deeper meanings of festivals? Why do some people think life is like a journey? How and why do people mark the significant events of life?

**Art:** European Art and Artists - They will learn how to draw broken buildings, paint on the ceiling, draw with a rubber and make shape houses. They will study a range of European artists.

**DT:** Battery Operated Lights apply - Design and making a battery operated light which will be controlled by a homemade switch.

**PSHE:** Think Positive - Managing emotions, taking responsibility and developing a growth mind-set. Safety First—Everyday risks, hazards and dangers and what to do in risky or dangerous situations

**Music:** Cyclic Patterns—Percussion, pitch, singing, notation, composition, play, perform

**Computing:** In the weekly computing skills lesson topics include programming, multimedia and online safety. Children use computing across the curriculum.

**French:** Children will describe zoo animals using adjectives, learn new classroom instructions, talk about the weather, name items of clothing, learn a detailed Nativity. Cultural understanding: Christmas celebrations

**PE:** Net/wall games, Handball, OAA

## Year 4 events this term:

**Thursday 16th September—9:00am** — Beech class meeting for parents. If you are unable to attend this meeting, I will send a copy of the notes home with your child.

**Friday 19th November—Bikeability**

**Thursday 16th December—Calendar Delivery**

**Values:** The values that we will be learning about this term are:-

**September—Respect**

**October—Responsibility**

**November—Peace**

**December—Compassion**

It is always lovely to hear how children are living the values out of school. Please drop us a line when you witness your child demonstrating one of our values and we will celebrate this.



