

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

Where possible the above timetable will be used.

# Beech Class Year 4

## Spring 2022 Newsletter for Children and Parents

# Class Routines and Information

Happy New Year. I hope that you have enjoyed the break and that your child is refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

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

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

**Reading Books:** Thank you for your support with reading. We are very pleased to see so many children reading regularly at home. Reading books should be sent in 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.

**Library:** The children have enjoyed visiting the library each week and choosing books. We will continue to do this throughout the half term. There are now some magazines in the library which children are able to check out and take home too.

**P.E:** This term, PE will remain 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:** Use descriptive language to build imagery in the reader's mind. Use versions of Princess and the Pea to explore, compare and write fairy tales with a twisted point of view. Study dialogue, tense, pronouns.

**Non-fiction:** Explore recounts through Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears (Emily Gravett). Read Wolves in the Walls (Gaiman) and Wolves (Gravett) for features of non-chronological reports. Use adverbs, prepositions and conjunctions of time/cause. Use this knowledge to write a report on Wolves.

**Poetry:** Read and write list poems, including kennings. Explore devices such as simile, alliteration and onomatopoeia. Explore a variety of narrative poetry. Identify features poets use; learn, recite and write poems that tell a story.

**Maths —** Fractions and decimals, mental and written multiplication and division, shape (circles, triangles and 3D shapes), written and mental addition and subtraction, times tables, shape (symmetry and angles).

**Geography —** What's it like in Whitby?

**History —** The Romans

**Science —** States of Matter and Sound

**RE —** The Holy Trinity and Pentecost

**Art —** Drawing skills (Insect Art)

**DT—** Juggling Balls

**PSHE —** Respecting Rights and One World

**Music —** Poetry and Music

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

**PE—** Hockey, gymnastics and dance.

## Year 4 events this term:

**Thursday 20th January 5:30pm —** Caythorpe residential parent meeting via Zoom. See this week's newsletter for more details.

**Tuesday 15th March — Friday 18th March —** Caythorpe residential visit

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

**January —** Appreciation    **February —** Honesty    **March —** Perseverance

It is always lovely to hear how children are living the values out of school.

