

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 & Grammar			Topic	PSHE
Wednesday	English	Maths	Spellings & Grammar			PE	DT/Art
Thursday	Maths	Guided Reading	Music			French	Computing
Friday	English	Science	Science			Maths	PE

Beech Class
Year 4

Autumn 2020
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.

Staff: Miss Hines will be teaching the children everyday, alongside Mrs Gadsden who will be in class with the children every morning except Friday. Miss Hart will be working in Beech class some mornings too. Computing lessons will be on a Thursday with Mrs Churchill and French lessons will be taught by Mrs Farrugia.

Daily Routines: Children will be collected from the school gate at 8:50am. 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 regularly 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 read even if this means you only read a few pages each evening. If children have finished a reading book and a note has been made in their diary, they should place it on Mrs Gadsden's desk in the morning for it to be changed.

Library : Initially, our library will not be open but we will update you when we have further information.

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 as soon as completed and 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 **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 are to consist of fruit and vegetables only. Children should not bring in biscuits or sweets as a morning snack and we encourage the children to make healthy choices. Unfortunately, at this time, there will be no toast on a Tuesday.

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: Rhythm and Beat

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 17th September—9:30am — Beech class meeting for parents via Zoom. If you are unable to attend this meeting, I will send a copy of the notes home with your child.

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.

