

Welcome to Beech Class

A warm welcome to Beech Class from Mrs Joslin and Mrs Harrison.

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to our Year 1 and Year 2 class. Our teaching and work will be tailored to the needs of your child and the lessons will be engaging and practical. We will provide both challenge and support within a nurturing environment. Let me reassure you that we will strive to keep your child safe and happy in their learning environment.



Some important information you need to know:

Tapestry:

Tapestry is a wonderful tool to link home and school. We will be using Tapestry to show you what your child has been doing. Please also use it to show us what your child has been doing outside of school. We love receiving comments from children and parents and always reply!! However, if you have a concern, please see a member of staff in person or email the office and Mrs Hayes will pass your message on to me.

Reading:

Reading is **key** to your child's progression at school. **It is absolutely essential to listen to your child read on a daily basis.** Your child will be given a reading book from school. Please note that we do not race through the book boxes. Listening to your child read is about **quality time**, not the quantity of pages they get through. It would be much more beneficial to listen to your child read a few pages and **discuss** what has happened rather than to gallop through the book without understanding what has happened. We will supply you with a yellow Reading Record in which you will be able to communicate with us.

Morning Routines:

We will be using the Beech door as our entrance from September. In order to settle down calmly, an activity will be on your child's table. Eventually, we will get into a routine whereby the first job your child completes is to put away their coats, bags, lunchboxes and then change their reading book.

Home Learning:

Home Learning is sent home on Fridays and offers you the opportunity to engage with school activities with your child. Parental involvement with Home Learning is key in reinforcing learning done at school. Your child should only use a **pencil** within the home learning book and coloured pencils when appropriate. During school, we encourage high standards of presentation so please support your child in writing neatly. Home Learning is to be returned on the following Wednesday. It may be based upon the subjects we are exploring in class

or a consolidation of learning or even a pre learn activity. We set Home Learning as we believe it is important for your child's progression.

Spellings:

Spellings are sent home on Friday for your child to practise for the following Thursday and are based on the phonics and grammar taught during the previous week. You may notice the repetition of certain common words and tricky words throughout the year as we constantly revisit and consolidate prior learning. Again, it is absolutely essential to **practise spellings on a daily basis** and we will offer different strategies in order to support your child learning them.

PE:

Our PE days are Monday and Friday. On these days your child should come to school in their PE kit - please see the school uniform policy for guidance. Please label all uniform and PE kits clearly. We would also like your child to have a pair of labelled wellington boots in school. We would like them to be put in a separate bag.

Equipment:

Your child will need a school bag. Please do not use a rucksack as we do not have anywhere to store it. We will be supplying writing equipment. Medicines need to be signed in at the Office with Mrs Hayes.

Water bottles:

We encourage children to drink water during the day. Please provide a water bottle and ensure it has been filled with water at home before school.

Snack:

We eat a fruit snack after playtime and this will be provided.

We are really looking forward to working together with you and your child throughout the coming year.

Mrs Joslin and Mrs Harrison