

Beech Newsletter - January 2025



Dear parents and carers of Beech class,

Welcome back after a fabulous Christmas break! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday with friends and family and indulged in lots of goodies!

Our topic for the half term is *Animal Magic*. Please see attached our topic map to see what we will be covering over the next 6 weeks.

PE-Our PE will be on a Monday and Friday and children need to come into school in their PE kit on those days. They can come to school wearing their PE trainers for these days (separate from their daily mile trainers which remain in school). Please provide your child with velcro trainers if they cannot tie their shoe laces.

Daily Mile-We will be doing our Daily Mile as usual. We aim to go every morning but if the weather is not great, or other circumstances arise, we will do a short indoor workout instead. As mentioned above, please make sure children have their daily mile trainers in school that will stay in class and go home each half term to be washed if needed.

Spellings-As usual, on Fridays, children will be sent home with spellings in their reading diary to learn for the week. The following Friday morning we will have our spelling test, and then their new set of spellings will be given. If you need any tips on spelling practice at home please message on seesaw or chat to me at the gate. Their score is nothing to worry about and just helps to inform me of spellings/sounds we may need to go over.

Reading- Reading in KS1 is very important so please read every day if you can - even if it's one or two pages and record in your child's reading diary. If a child has a full Monday-Friday week of reading logged in the diary they get two housepoints! All children have their levelled book whether it's Little Wandle or a book band book. They also have the opportunity to take a book from our reading garden to read for pleasure, this is for adults/siblings to read with them.

If your child is reading a book band book: These can be changed independently by the children as often as they like but they **must** have a written record that

they've finished the book in their reading diary by an adult at home. We will assess regularly if a child is ready to move up a book band.

Please note that children reading Little Wandle books must bring them back every Thursday.

Water bottles-Please bring in a labelled water bottle every day. These stay in school and are rinsed and refilled. They will be sent home on a Friday afternoon and must be brought back to school on Monday.

Named uniform-Please make sure all uniform is labelled clearly as we sometimes find uniform lying around and we struggle to read names or initials. Thank you!

Seesaw- I regularly update Seesaw with bits and bobs we're doing and information you may need to know. If your child gets up to anything exciting they want to share with the class, feel free to upload bits and we can share it in school.

Show and Tell - On Fridays we have show and tell. Each week we swap between Year 1's and then Year 2's. The first Friday back (10th) will be the Year 1's turn. If the children wish to, they have the option to bring in something to show and talk about. It has to be something that is either about our learning topics, a special day out, an achievement or something they have made/created. Please no random toys or books etc unless relevant to the above.

Maths Monkey - Maths Monkey is an exciting member of Beech class! If your child comes home with him his information is inside his book for you to read. Please get as creative as you wish to with your Maths fun and we love to see photos/explanations of what you got up to! If you receive him Tuesday, please bring him back to school Friday and if you receive him Friday, please bring him back Monday.

Letter/number practice - Please continue to practice letter formation at home with your child. Letters need to be formed correctly and sit neatly on the line. We do encourage cursive handwriting when letters are formed correctly and are legible however forming letters neatly and correctly comes first - then the joining can begin! Number formation is also very important. Check your children can write their numbers the correct way around and not reversed.

Teach your monster/TT rockstars- All children have their logins so do play as much as you can!

Thank you for all your support as always with supporting your children's learning at home.

If you have any questions at all, please speak to myself or another member of Beech class who will be by the gate. Otherwise, please do not hesitate to drop me a message on Seesaw during school hours. We aim to answer all your questions/sort issues as quick as we can!

Best wishes,

The Beech Team. 😊

Miss Collett, Mrs France, Miss Khanam and Mrs Makin.