Beech Newsletter – September 2026



Dear parents and carers of Beech class,

Welcome back to school life! I hope you all had a wonderful summer with your families and friends. Beech class has been cleaned, tidied and spruced up over summer ready for a brand new year ahead for our 16 pupils. We're looking forward to being back and having a lovely year ahead with all the children. Our first few days back will be about settling in, getting the children back into school routines and most importantly having fun.

I (Miss Collett) will be the class teacher of Beech class and we have our fabulous teaching assistants Mrs France and Mrs Makin working with us. I am out of class Monday and Friday PM's for PPA and SENDCo time and during this time, Mr Mallett will be teaching PE and Mrs Makin and Mrs France will be covering Computing and Spanish. We have a truly wonderful team!

Our topic for the half term is Home Sweet Home. This has been put on Seesaw and also the school website.

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.

Spellings- 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. Our first test will be 11th September.

Reading- Reading in KS1 is very important so please read every day if you can – even if it's one or two pages. Please record this in your child's reading diary with a signature and page number you've read up to. We record in these most days too. If a child has a full Monday-Friday week of reading logged in the diary they get two housepoints! Your child will go home with either a Little Wandle book and/or a book band book once they've worked their way through the Little

Wandle scheme. They'll also be given the option on a Thursday to take a 'reading for pleasure' book home from our class reading garden. These can be brought back on the following **Thursday** and swapped for another one.

- If your child is reading LW books: We will introduce a new book on a Tuesday in our class reading groups and continue working through decoding, prosody and comprehension skills until the Thursday when it then goes home with them. These books **must** be brought back to school the following Thursday ready to be swapped over.

- If your child is reading a coloured 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. We will assess regularly if a child is ready to move up a book band.

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- Seesaw logins/family logins have all been given out but please let me know if you need help with getting set up. We use seesaw to upload a few bits of what we get up to in the week/share information. Feel free to also upload any pictures/videos of what you child may be getting up to on their weekends etc as we also love to see this!

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 (4th) will be the Year 2's turn as they can model how it works to the Year 1's. 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 cover 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. Don't worry if you don't have a printer to print photos with him, drawings/pictures are fine.

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 however forming letters neatly and correctly comes first – then the joining can begin! Please also check your children can write their numbers the correct way around and not reversed.

TT rockstars- All children have a TT rockstars login in the back of their reading diary. Please do not feel you need to play on these with your child yet as they will be introduced properly in future weeks and I'll explain what they are on seesaw. If you want to explore it already, go ahead!

Lastly, thank you for your patience and cooperation with settling back into school routines/a new class. It usually takes a week or two for all routines to be in place and then the school day runs smoother. I look forward to this year with more creative learning, giggles and memory making!

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 and Mrs Makin.