

Beech Class Newsletter- Autumn 1

Welcome Back

We hope everyone had a lovely summer! Mrs Carr will be the class teacher in Beech supported by Miss Price. We are looking forward to the Autumn term and beginning our new topic 'Marvellous Me'. We will be learning about ourselves and our families as well as people who help us in the wider community.

Our topic for this half term will be **Marvellous Me**. This will link with all seven areas of our curriculum and encourage lots of rich language and help us to learn about our families, communities and people who help us.

Weekly Challenge

Each week there will be a literacy and maths challenge on tapestry for the children to complete at home. This is a great way to consolidate the children's learning, and it would be lovely to see photos added to tapestry of the children having a go at the challenges.

Class Bear

Our Class Bear will be coming home each Friday with somebody from Beech class. It would be great if the bear could join in with the children's weekend activities and you could take some photos. These could be uploaded to tapestry or brought into school. The children will share these photos with the class as part of communication and language.

Forest school will be on a **Thursday**.

Please ensure your child comes to school with waterproofs and wellies to wear to the forest, as the weather gets cooler hats and gloves will also be required.

PE will be on a **Friday afternoon**.

Please send children to school in their **school uniform and PE kit in a bag**.

We look forward to seeing children in their new school PE kits.

What we are covering in each area of learning

Literacy- Our literacy focus will be based around our topic Marvellous Me as children begin to label pictures and practice letter formation.

Maths- We will be learning sorting and grouping objects and recognising numbers to 5.

Understanding the World- We will be learning about where we live, looking at the key features around us.

Expressive Art and Design- We will be looking at colour mixing linked to art as well as exploring a range of nursery rhymes.

Communication and Language- We will be learning key words linked to our topic, what they mean and how to use them.

PSHE- We will be exploring drawing as well as craft and design.

Physical development- We will be practising fine motor skills to support our handwriting as well as using gross motor skills during PE lessons.

Reading

All children will be given wordless books to begin with. They should look at the books at home and explain to you what they can see in the pictures and use this to build on their story telling. When children are ready, they will be moved onto reading books that match our phonics scheme. Please fill in reading diary's when you have read with your child.

All children are invited to take a reading book for pleasure from our class reading area to share at home as often as they would like.