

# Beech Class Newsletter- Spring 1

## Welcome Back

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring Term in Beech class!  
Everyone has settled well into the new term and we are all excited to get stuck into our new topic.

Our topic for this half term will be **Animals Around the World**. We will be discovering different animals from Around the World and linking this into our seven areas of learning. We have some exciting visits and trips planned to compliment this topic too.

### Class Bear

Loopy the Bear has enjoyed coming home with the children during the Autumn Term and we have all enjoyed sharing his adventures with the class.

This term he will continue to come home with the children but will bring with him a secret challenge for the children to complete which they will then share with their peers once completed.

This half term we will have two Forest school sessions, they will be on a **Tuesday and Thursday**. Please ensure your child comes to school with waterproofs and wellies to wear to the forest, hats and gloves will also be required while the weather is cold. Please pack spare socks or tights just in case feet get wet when in forest school.

### 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.

PE will be on a **Friday afternoon**.  
**Please send children to school in their school uniform and PE kit in a bag.**

### What we are covering in each area of learning

**Literacy-** Our literacy focus will be based around our topic Animals Around the World. We will be looking at caption writing, speech bubbles and writing letters.

**Maths-** We will be learning about mass and capacity, length, height, time and growing numbers.

**Understanding the World-** We will be looking at different environments and habitats of animals and using maps to explore our surroundings

**Expressive Art and Design-** We will be exploring pitch and melody in songs and developing our storylines within our role play.

**Communication and Language-** We will continue to develop our vocabulary introducing words that link into our topic.

**PSED –** We will be making links within our community, visiting the Chapel and writing to residents in local nursing homes.

**Physical development-** We will be looking at developing our strength and co-ordination by exploring dance.

### Reading

Thank you for the updates and comments in the children's reading diaries. Please continue to read and practise Bear Words at home as often as possible. Reading at home as well as in school is having a positive impact on the children's learning and they are making great progress.

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.

We will be holding 3 parent and child story sessions this half term where you are invited to join your child in the school library for story time.