

Beech Class Information



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Beech Class. Please note the following useful information:

The beginning and end of the day

In the morning the gates open at 8.45 and children need to go straight to class. At the end of the day, parents are to collect their children from the playground at 3.30. If an adult that is not known to the school is picking up, please let the school office know.

Homework

- **Spelling:** Your child will be set assignments on Spelling Shed each Thursdays to complete at home by the following Thursday. In addition to this, they should practise their spellings daily on Spelling Shed or you can use the Rainbow Spelling sheets which can be found [here](#). Ideally, they should work on their spellings daily or at least 5 times a week for around 5-10 minutes a day.
- **Reading:** Your child should be reading independently or with an adult for around 30 minutes at least 5 times a week. If reading with your child, please encourage them to read carefully and ask them questions to check their understanding. They have already been given their new Accelerated Reader ZPD – which tells them which level book they should be reading. Once they have finished a book, they will take an AR Quiz which will check they have understood what they have read – we aim for 85% accuracy and children not obtaining this may be moved to a lower ZPD or be asked to read a book more than once. The more you can talk to them about their book, the better: What has happened? Can you summarise the book? Were there any interesting words? How do you think the story is going?
- For children accessing Read Write Inc. sessions, please practise the sounds they are working on and ensure that they read their books at least 3 times a week. Further information about RWI can be found [here](#).
- **Maths:** By the end of Year 4, children should know all of their **multiplication tables** (and related division facts) and be able to recall them quickly and accurately. To ensure your child is able to do this, they must be practising their tables and key number facts at least 5 times a week. In addition to this, assignments will be set on '[Times Table Rock Stars](#)' to complete. Children can also write out their tables, recite them out loud or use other apps/websites to help. There are also worksheets which are able to be printed out from TT Rock Stars. The children also have access to [Numbots](#) an online platform which focuses on the recall and fluency of addition and subtraction, so that they can move from counting to calculating with confidence.
- **If your child does not have access to a device at home, they can complete their assignments for Spelling Shed and TT Rock Stars at homework club during the week.**
- **Additional:** An overview will be sent out at the start of each term with details of suggested activities for home learning linked to our topics for that term.

PE

We have PE every Tuesday with a different focus each half term. Please ensure a full correct PE kit is worn on the day as we will not be changing in school for PE:

- Black or blue Shorts
- A royal blue round neck T-shirt
- Trainers
- Black or blue tracksuits for the colder months if required

In the interests of health and safety, no jewellery will be worn to school, except for earring stubs (one in each ear). **Earrings must be removed for PE and hair tied back, away from the face.**

We will also be engaging in short, daily fitness sessions - however, school uniform will be adequate for this.

Snacks and drinks

Please ensure your child has healthy snacks - crisps and sweets are not allowed at break time. Your child also needs to bring a named water bottle each day which can be re-filled. We ask that squash and juice drinks are not brought into the classroom and that a separate bottle is brought in to have with their lunch if required. Spillages in class of squash cause stains/stickiness and also encourage ants. Squash and juice drinks, even sugar free, can be very acidic and are not good for children's teeth if they are regularly sipping them.

Hot weather

During spells of hot and sunny weather, children need to wear sun hats and lotion.

Wet weather

Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat with a hood.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this information; please email the school office if you have any questions, which will then be passed to me.

Best wishes

Mr Watson