

# Beech Class – Lower School

## Notable News

Beech class have had an excellent start to the school year! Pupils have worked hard and had a lot of fun 😊 We have engaged with a number of themed days, including Children in Need, Remembrance Day, World Mental Health Day and Halloween. We also had the privilege of taking part in the Panathlon SEN bowling competition in September!

Perhaps the most exciting news this term has been the reopening of the swimming pool and the onboarding of specialist swim instructors! Beech class have worked hard in sessions to build their confidence in the water. We have learnt to kick, float and even dunk our heads.



## Communication

Beech class have enjoyed a range of different communication sessions this term. Every Monday we visit the library to enjoy a guided meditation sensory story. Within our topic lessons, we have been learning about the book 'The Rainbowsaurus' and have enjoyed matching the animals to the sound buttons! Most recently, we have been exploring the story of the Nativity.



## Cognition

This term, Beech class have been working hard on developing their number skills and their sequencing and sorting skills. We have enjoyed engaging with different number rhymes, counting tasks, numeral recognition and matching numerals to quantities. We have also learnt about repeating patterns and sorting objects by a given criterion.



## Life Skills and Personal Development

Beech class have enjoyed developing their independence and life skills through community visits this term. We have loved walking to the local park each week and exploring the equipment alongside our friends. We even took a quick trip to the shops!



In PSHE, we have been learning about personal hygiene. Pupils have explored how to keep their hands, bodies, hair and teeth clean and healthy.



### Upcoming Events

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Lower School merit assembly / classroom activities
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas grotto
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – End of term (early finish for pupils)
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Start of Spring Term

Next half term our topic will be 'Narnia'. After the half term break, we will be learning about 'People Who Help Us'. We would welcome any visitors to school to share information with our pupils about their jobs, so please get in contact if you are able to offer any support with this.

Thank you to all of our Beech class pupils and families for a fantastic Autumn term and your continued support! We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas holiday, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year!

From the Beech class team

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