



Beech Newsletter

September 2024

Welcome to the new school year! Reception have returned ready to learn and Nursery have begun to find their feet and learn routines. We will send out a newsletter each half term, outlining what we will be teaching. The first two weeks this term are settling in and beginning group learning as a class and also small group activities. Soon we will be beginning phonics, maths and topic.

Our focus books this term are The Colour Monster, I Like Bees But I Don't Like Honey, and We are Family.

In **Maths**, we use White Rose maths. We will also use numberblocks in some lessons which is a fab resource and something you can watch at home too! Our maths topics will include match sort and compare, talk about measure and patterns, It's me 123, circles and triangles, 12345, Shapes with 4 sides

In **Phonics Reception** will follow Little Wandle Letters and Sounds to learn phase 2 digraphs. A review sheet will be sent home each week to consolidate this. **Nursery** children will focus on oral blending, rhyme, segmenting and learning through nursery rhymes.

Reading

We follow Little Wandle Letters and Sounds phonics programme. In Nursery the children will play pre-phonics sound games and begin their school journey with a love of reading and hearing stories.

Reception children start to learn single letter sounds and quickly begin reading simple words. There will be sheets sent home at the end of each week so you know the sounds your child has been learning. Books will be sent home from week 4. These books will not have words in them; understanding the story is a priority at this stage. Please see the Phonics Evening for Reception parents where you can find out more about how the programme progress and ask any questions.

Homework

Homework will be sent out as a challenge sheet for Reception children to pick from throughout the ½ term. They are expected to do at least 3 per half term, some children do all! A phonics review sheet will be sent home on a Friday. Any comments can be shared via the homework book.

PE

PE sessions are on Wednesdays. Please send your child's PE kit in on this day so they can be changed at school. The kits will be sent home to be washed regularly. We will be learning how to move our bodies safely and manage equipment.



Topic. Our topic this half term is All About Me. We will look at ourselves, our families, our homes, our likes and dislikes. I would really appreciate a photo from everyone of their family to put on a display, children love seeing you on our wall! If you also have a picture of the outside of your house, that would be fantastic too. Please send via email or Tapestry or in their book bags.

In addition, we will be celebrating Harvest and baking bread. We will go on an Autumn walk and notice changes in the weather. As an introduction to **Geography**, we will look at our environment, our classroom, our school and the local area. In **Art and Design**, we will be introducing the Creative area and focusing on paint colour mixing as well as modelling with recyclable materials- always appreciate any milk bottle tops, empty loo rolls, card boxes etc. In **Science**, we will be studying seasonal changes by exploring the environment around the school over time. We will look at how animals hibernate and migrate when autumn comes. In **PHSCE**, we will be using our Jigsaw scheme with a focus on being me in my world. In **RE** this half term, the children will be thinking about where they belong, within their family, their community and within the wider world. In **History**, we will look at how we have changed over time since we were babies

In addition to this we will be building friendships and doing lots of exciting playing!

COME AND PLAY - Thursday 3rd October, 2:30. You are welcome to come and play with your children in our classroom and garden. We will offer one session every half term at different days so please don't worry if you can't make this one.

Tapestry. By now everyone should have activated their Tapestry account and be enjoying pictures from school. I'd love photos from home too if you do anything exciting so we can share them with the class.

Phonics Evening for Reception children's parents:

We are holding an information evening on how we teach phonics and how you can help your child at home.

Please come and join us on:

Wednesday 2nd October 2.45pm