



Beech Newsletter

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After a very long first term, we are now racing through Autumn towards winter and Christmas! We are thrilled to have Mrs Houghton join Beech Class full time and I'm sure she will get to know your children quickly. Our focus books this term are The Hundred Decker Bus, We Catch the bus and Tiger on the Train.

In **Maths**, we will be learning about comparing sets, matching, exploring part/whole of numbers, composition of 3,4,5 and matching numbers to quantity to 10. We will need to practise recognising numbers to 1-10 to be able to do this.

In **Phonics**, **Reception** are continuing to learn phase 2 graphemes, including some digraphs and also some tricky words. A review sheet is sent home each week to consolidate this. Please do spend 5 minutes a day learning the sounds in the order they went home.

Reception children have been taught how to write words using their segmenting fingers to break words into sounds. You should have received a guide to tricky words and there is also a guide for formation. Writing the graphemes will help consolidate your child's learning.

Reception reading. Children will take home their first reading book this week. There are suggestions on the back page to enhance the reading or retelling of the story. The book they receive is based on their last phonic assessment and is in line with the number of correct phonemes, in the order given out. Children are reassessed regularly to ensure that they are always on the best book for them.

Nursery children will focus on oral blending, rhyme, segmenting and learning through nursery rhymes as well as regular shared stories, promoting a love of reading.

PE

PE sessions are on Wednesdays.

As you know, we are now changing at school for PE so please ensure all kit is named. I would really appreciate it if you could encourage children to get themselves dressed at home to help their independence. This term, PE is done through Kanga who are starting with team games. We continue to use the outdoor area and will provide wellies when the weather changes. A good waterproof coat will be required.



Topic. Our topic this term is Transport with People Who Help us as well as Christmas. We will be looking at cars, buses and bikes as well as emergency services and then the build up to Christmas. If you go on any trips on a bus, train, aeroplane, it would be brilliant to have a photo. Please send via email or Tapestry or in their book bags.

As an introduction to **Geography**, we will look at GoogleEarth and see where we each live in relation to our school. We will notice that the land around us is mostly farmland but some of us live in towns or villages. In **Art and Design**, we will be introducing printing, beginning with printing a poppy for Remembrance Day. We have modelling with recyclable materials as part of continuous provision. In **Science**, we will be using recyclable materials to make a vehicle and learning about the forces of push, pull and gravity. In **PHSCE**, we will be using our Jigsaw scheme with a focus on accepting difference. In **RE** this half term, the children will be thinking about different celebrations from different cultures- Diwali, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa and, of course, Christmas. In **History**, we will explore how transport has changed over time.

COME AND PLAY – Friday 6th December, 2:15. This will have a phonics focus This is also the day of our assembly to the whole school. We will offer one session every half term at different days so please don't worry if you can't make this one.

Tapestry. We have been enjoying seeing the picture of special events from home. This is a great opportunity for the children to stand in front of everyone and practice their speaking skills.

Homework

Homework is 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. Reading books will be given out on Wednesdays but we need to have the clear folder returned every Monday please.